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## *Dedication*

This is dedicated to the Jarvis families that came before us.

This volume begins after the Civil War and follows our Jarvis families through the end of World War I. In 1865 the Civil War was over. Three generations of Jarvises lived in southeast Indiana – Harvey and Sarah, Joseph and Martha, and Newton. By the early 1910s, these generations had died out.

There remained Jarvis families in Indiana, but our next generation, Ralph Jarvis, came west to Kansas. By the end of World War I, Ralph would marry and set down roots in Kansas.

This volume is also dedicated to two technological wonders of this era.

1. *This is the first volume in which we have photographs of our grandparents! That adds a wonderful new dimension to our memories of them.*
2. *The electric light illuminated homes and lives! Our grandparent Ralph Jarvis worked in this new industry, and it brought him to Kansas and his future wife.*

As always, this book is dedicated to the Jarvis families that come after us. I hope this look at our past helps them appreciate their heritage.

There's a little bit of each of those ancestors in us. Let's appreciate their message to us.

*"What you are, we were. What we are, you will be."*

## *Acknowledgments*

My son Joe sparked my interest in genealogy.

He began the research of our family history. He began building our Ancestry tree that today records more than 6,000 people.

Joe took the first DNA tests, and patiently tried to explain the technicalities to me. He painstakingly matched his DNA results with that of Eric Jervis, which was the key to finding our ancestors in England.

After I retired and devoted more time to genealogy, we often collaborated or reviewed each other's research.

I've drawn on this trove of research in writing this book. Thank you, Joe.

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# Reconstruction 1865-1877

The decade after the war was the Reconstruction era. But that optimistic term defied the reality that there were both winners and losers.

Two generations of Jarvis families were living in southeast Indiana. How did they fare?



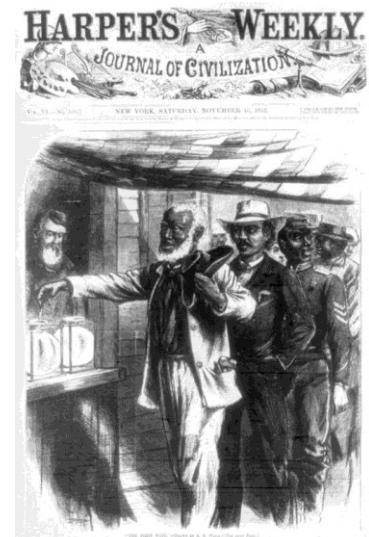
The Reconstruction Era was a period of government actions to re-integrate the confederate states into the Union and deal with four million newly-freed blacks. But government action wasn't all. The South was beginning a climate of oppression of freed blacks.

Northern states were dealing with the profound changes brought on by the war. Many had prospered in the war economy. But some areas were not enjoying the economic expansion.

In Indiana, Indianapolis and the northern part of the state entered a period of economic prosperity. Southern Indiana's economy was diminished as railroads replaced Ohio River commerce. In Jefferson County, where the Jarvises lived, the economy tanked.

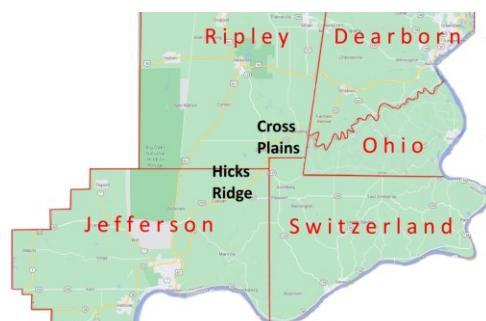
*The county fell into economic decline after the American Civil War, as industry began to shift from southern Indiana to the northern part of the state.*

*Jefferson County, Indiana – Wikipedia – [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jefferson\\_County,\\_Indiana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jefferson_County,_Indiana)*

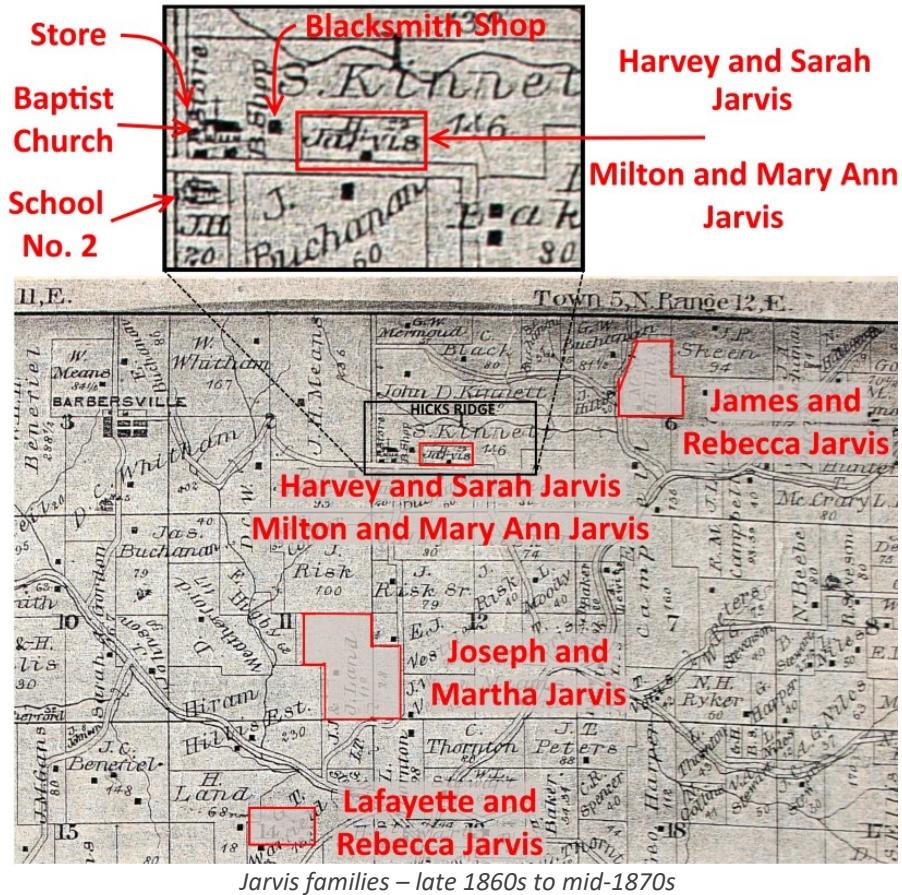


## Harvey and Sarah Jarvis (4G)

In 1860, Harvey and Sarah were living on Johnson Watt's farm in Dearborn County. After the war, in April 1868, they purchased 20 acres at Hicks Ridge in Shelby Township and moved back to Jefferson County. Harvey and Sarah were age 65.



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This was near where they had lived earlier in the 1850s, and near where several of their sons were living. James, Joseph, and Lafayette and their families were living nearby.

Son William was living just east of Cross Plains, next to his cousins Harvey, Jr. and John. That was about five miles away.

Son Milton and his family were living on the same farm with Harvey and Sarah.

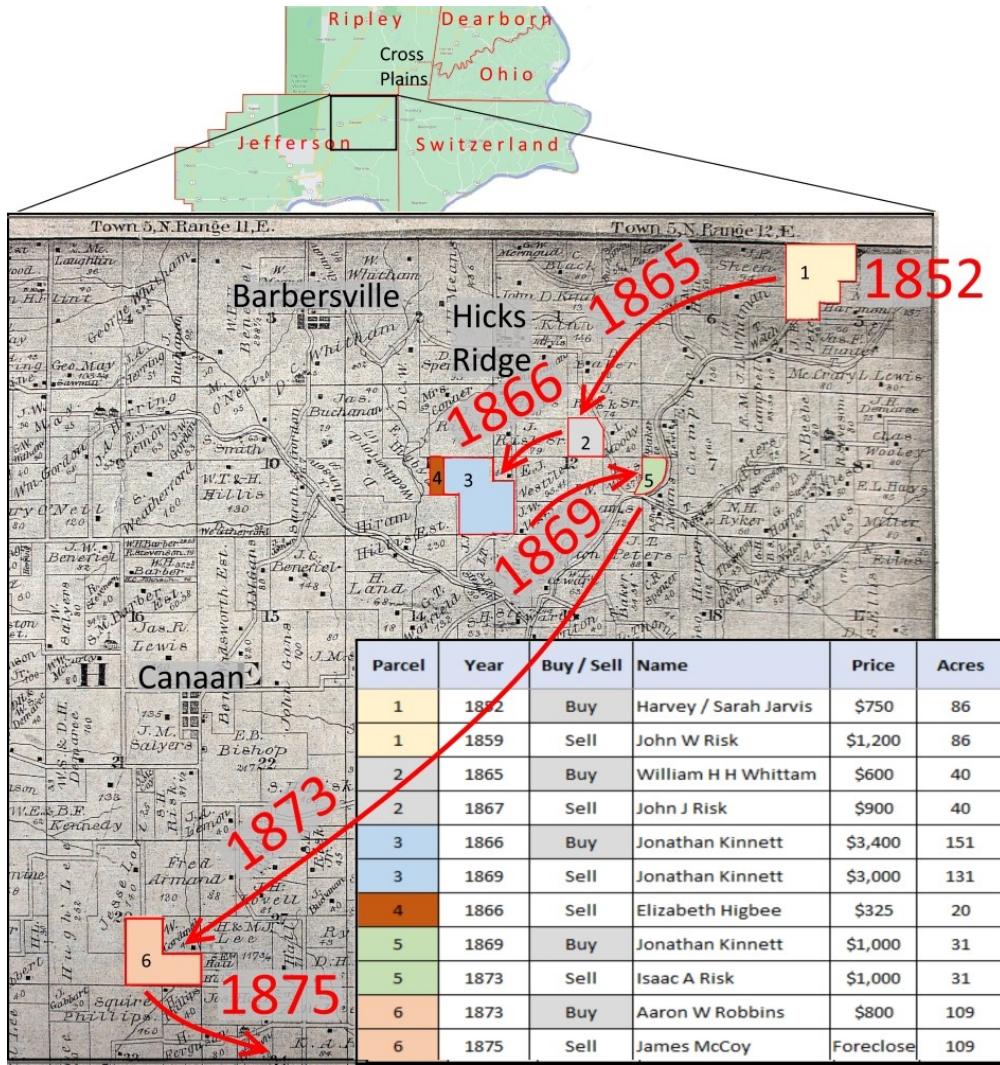
This decade seems like a period of stability for the Jarvis families.

## Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G)

After the war, Joseph and Martha bought and sold several farms, all in Shelby Township, Jefferson County. From 1865 to 1875, they moved five times.

They were living near their extended families, Joseph near his parents and three brothers. Martha was living near her many Buchanan relatives.

## From farm to farm



Their 1866 farm (No. 3 on map) was large – 131 acres. Unlike their earlier “difficult” farm, all these farms look arable. It seems Joseph was trying to make a go as a farmer instead of relying on income as a mason.

Whatever the case, they moved and bought and sold land frequently.

Their last farm (No. 6 on map) was a joint venture, bought in 1873 by Joseph and Martha (2/3 share) and Moses and Elizabeth Buchanan (1/3 share). Moses Buchanan was Martha’s brother. Moses was also a brick mason. But they must have intended to make it as farmers. It wasn’t a successful venture because the loan was foreclosed two years later in 1875.

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above covenants of Warranty are made subject to a decree of the Jefferson Circuit Court at the April Term 1875 see Order Book 5 page 666 of foreclosure of Mortgage on said Real Estate in favor of Aaron W. Robbins and against these grantors, for Three Thousand dollars & costs. The grantors are not to pay any Taxes on said Real Estate except their personal & poll tax and they are to retain possession of said Real Estate until March 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 free of rent.  
 In Witness Whereof the said Joseph R. Jarvis, Martha A. Jarvis, Moses Buchanan and Elizabeth Buchanan have hereunto set their hands and seals this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1875.  
 Joseph R. Jarvis   
 Martha A. Jarvis   
 Moses Buchanan   
 Elizabeth Buchanan

*State of Indiana  
County of Marion* Before me Daniel H. Demaree a

Deed - foreclosure - Joseph and Martha Jarvis, Moses and Elizabeth Buchanan - 1875

Under the foreclosure terms, the Jarvises and Buchanans could retain possession until March 1, 1876.  
Where then?

## More children

At the outset of the war, Joseph and Martha had three children, including our grandfather Newton, born in 1855.

A daughter Lavina Miranda was born in 1863 during the war.

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34	"	William	17	M "	Worker on Farm	
35	"	<del>Newton</del>	14	V "	Opps to School	
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37	"	<del>Miranda</del>	7	F "	do	
38	"	<del>Ella</del>	5	V "		
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40		P. J. Mann	18	F "	Domestic Servt	

Census - Joseph and Martha Jarvis - Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana - 1870

	William Jasper Jarvis
	1854
	Newton P Jarvis
	1855
	Charles Gilbert Jarvis
	1857
	Lavina Miranda Jarvis
	1863
	Luella Florence Jarvis
	1866
	John David Jarvis
	1869
	Lillian Frances Jarvis
	1873
	George Walter Jarvis
	1877

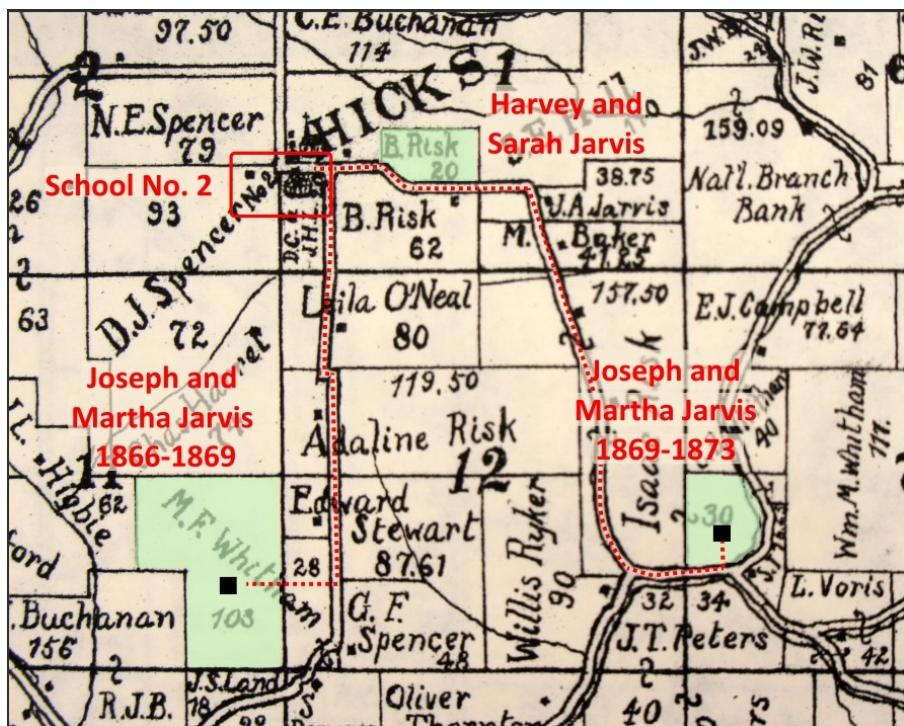
Children of Joseph and Martha Jarvis

In the 1870 census, Harvey is age 40, Martha age 35. There are two more children – Luella and John. By 1877, the end of the Reconstruction era, two more children were born – Lillian Frances and George. Eight children in all during a 23 year span.

## School

*...it was not until after the Civil War that Indiana had a uniform, free, rural district school system in place...*

*Indiana's Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form*



School No. 2 – Newton, Charles, Miranda Jarvis

In the 1870 census, we see that Newton, 14, “goes to school”, along with siblings Charles, 12, and Miranda, 7. It had become the norm for children of farm families to attend school.

They probably attended School No. 2, in Hicks Ridge. It was just over a mile from their 1866 farm, and less than two miles after their 1869 move.

*...the 1840 census showed that one of seven Hoosiers was illiterate (highest of all in the former Northwest Territory); that less than 18% of eligible children attended school; and that the rate of illiteracy was below three slave-holding states.*

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*Farmers, who constituted the majority of the population, often saw little benefit in making education a necessity, since schooling seemed to train youth for a future in commercial enterprises rather than farming.*

*By the late 1870s, some 500,000 pupils annually were enrolled in Indiana's common school system. In 1882 alone, Hoosiers staffed, equipped, and built 499 new schoolhouses.*

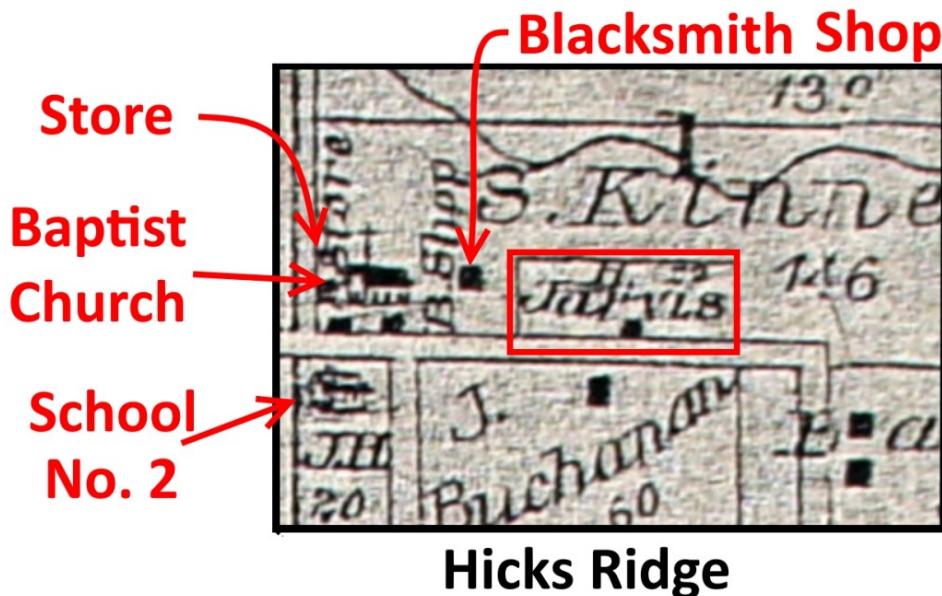
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*Reading, math, spelling, and grammar were common subjects. Depending on the talents of the teacher, history or other studies might be offered. Chalk and tablets, instead of costly paper, were the norm for writing lessons.*

*Indiana's Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form*



The children's grandparents Harvey and Sarah lived just a few yards from the school. I'll bet the grandkids visited frequently.



## Baptist church

Joseph and Martha were active in their Baptist Church. Milton and Mary Ann Jarvis were too. Probably the other Jarvis families were also members.

The church building was in Hicks Ridge, across the road north from the school, and just past the blacksmith shop from Harvey and Sarah's home.

Here's a brief history of the Center Grove (Hicks Ridge) Baptist Church. Martha Buchanan Jarvis' grandfather Wilson Buchanan had founded the previous church in 1829.

*Center Grove was the older name for Hicks Ridge. This church was founded as a Separate Baptist Church (This denomination still exists, but there appear to be no churches closer to the Indian-Kentuck area than Bartholomew Co.) and probably succeeded the Center Baptist Church. A letter dated "Canaan, May 14, 1922" in the records of the Jefferson County Library gives the date of the building of the Center Grove Baptist Church as 1859. The letter was written by John E. Harper.*

*On April 11, 1860, James and Emeline Risk (daughter of Wilson Buchanan, himself a messenger from the Center Baptist Church) sold a half-acre tract to the Center Grove trustees, William Campbell, William H. Whitham and James M. Campbell, in the NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 1 Twp. 5N Range 11E. (Jefferson Co. Deed Book 18 p. 170.) The 1850 census for Shelby Township shows a Henry Serber, age 40, occupation given as Sep. (probably Separate) Bap. Minister. He could have easily served the Hicks/Center Grove community.*

*The most thorough listing of members in official records came on June 27, 1874 when Center Grove trustees were elected. On the motion of Joseph Jarvis and M. Cooper, members named John Kerry (or King?) as Judge. Standing for election were James Thornton, Levi Lewis, Robert Lewis, Thomas Baker, Joseph R. Jarvis, Milton Jarvis, Casper Land, Michael Cooper. Elected were Thornton, Levi and Robert Lewis, Baker, Joseph Jarvis. J.J. Fleming was listed as moderator and David Buchanan as clerk (Miscellaneous Records Book 1 p. 291.)*

*Churches of the Indian-Kentuck Region*

Milton Jarvis is Joseph's brother. He and his family were living next door to parents Harvey and Sarah.

Henry Serber was the minister. David Buchanan may have been Martha's father, but certainly a nearby relative.

## Reconstruction ended in 1877

Where did things stand in 1877? The Reconstruction Era ended in 1877.

Harvey and Sarah (4G) were both age 74 in 1877. They were living with their son Milton and his family. But a move is in their near future.

In 1877, Joseph was age 47, Martha age 42 (3G). Their joint venture farm with Moses and Elizabeth Buchanan was foreclosed in 1875. They had to vacate by March 1, 1876. What's next for them? A move.

Newton Jarvis (2G) was 22 years old. There's a marriage in his future. And a move.

## Nibbles Extra Credit

### The end of Reconstruction

*There was widespread fraud in the election! In four battleground states, both parties declared their electors victorious. Both candidates declared victory and refused to concede. The conflict resulted in violence and even deaths.*

Sound familiar? Yes, but this was the presidential election of 1876. Samuel Tilden won the popular vote over Rutherford Hayes. But in four southern states, each party submitted its own slate of electors. So neither candidate had the 185 electoral votes needed to win.

Congress established an Electoral Commission to decide the outcome. While the commission was meeting in late January and February 1877, backroom negotiations were going on. Southern Democrats agreed not to block the victory for Republican Rutherford Hayes in exchange for withdrawal of federal troops from the South and granting home rule to the South.

The commission awarded the four states' votes to Hayes, and he won 185 to 184 in the closest election in US history. Hayes was sworn in on March 5, 1877.



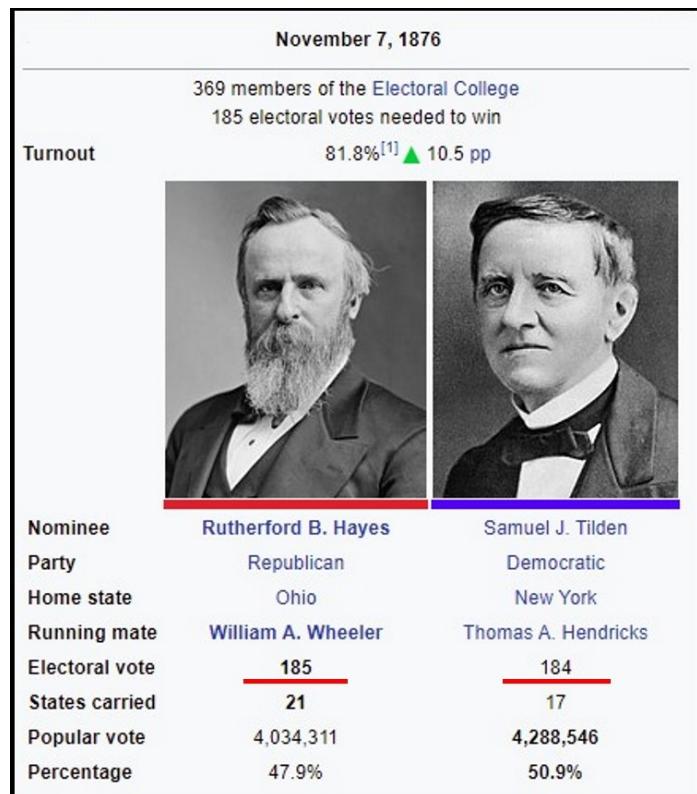
*A truce – not a compromise, but a chance for high-toned gentlemen to retire gracefully from their very civil declarations of war." By Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly, 1877 Feb 17*

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Hayes removed US troops from the southern states, and Reconstruction was over. The Compromise changed the course of southern politics for the next 100 years.

*From the late 1870s onward, southern legislatures passed a series of laws requiring the separation of whites from “persons of color” on public transportation, in schools, parks, restaurants, theaters and other locations. Known as the “Jim Crow laws” (after a popular minstrel act developed in the antebellum years), these segregationist statutes governed life in the South through the middle of the next century, ending only after the hard-won successes of the civil rights movement in the 1960s.*

*Compromise of 1877 – History.com*



An interesting result of this constitutional crisis was the Electoral Count Act of 1887. It was instrumental in the procedures just used in the 2020 presidential election and January 2021 certification of electoral votes.

*Congress would eventually enact the Electoral Count Act in 1887 to provide more detailed rules for the counting of electoral votes, especially in cases where multiple slates of electors have been received from a single state.*

*1876 United States presidential election – Wikipedia*

**"History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes!"**  
 - Mark Twain

## Timeline 1865-1877

Year	Event
1865	The 13th amendment abolishes slavery
1866	Luella Florence Jarvis born to Joseph and Martha (3G) Jefferson County IN
1866	Ku Klux Klan began era of terror and crime to discourage blacks from voting
1867	Sec. of State Wm Seward buys Alaska for \$7.2 million, 2 cents per acre
1867	First typewriter patented, marketed seven years later by Remington
1867	Nebraska is admitted as the 37th state
1868	Harvey and Sarah Jarvis (4G) buy 20 acres Hicks Corner Jefferson County IN
1868	Gen. Custer's victory at Washita River ends organized Indian campaigns
1868	Westinghouse and Edison both begin patenting inventions
1869	John David Jarvis born to Joseph and Martha (3G) in Jefferson County IN
1869	Golden spike at Promontory, Utah completed transcontinental railroad
1870	Anna Elizabeth Burton (2G) born May 15 in Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana
1870	John D Rockefeller founds Standard Oil Company
1870	First US Congress black, Hiram Rhodes Revels, Republican senator from Miss.
1870	Harvey, Sarah Jarvis (4G) in Hicks Ridge, Jefferson County with son Milton
1870	Joseph, Martha Jarvis (3G) south of Hicks Ridge. James and Lafayette nearby
1870	Newton Jarvis (2G) goes to school
1870	15th Amendment gives blacks the right to vote
1870	US population 38 million, 22.6% increase over 1860 low because of Civil War
1871	Mrs. O'Leary's cow starts great Chicago fire, killing 250 and 17,000 buildings
1871	First baseball league, National Association, begins Cleveland v. Fort Wayne
1872	Metropolitan Museum of Art opens in New York City
1872	Susan B Anthony illegally votes in presidential election for women's suffrage
1872	President Grant establishes Yellowstone as first national park
1873	Lillian Frances Jarvis born to Joseph and Martha Jarvis in Jefferson County
1874	Joseph Jarvis (3G) is trustee of Center Grove Baptist Church, Jefferson IN
1875	First running of Kentucky Derby in Louisville, won by Aristides
1876	Harvey and Sarah Jarvis (4G) deed 20 acres to Mary Ann, wife of son Milton
1876	US Government orders all Native Americans onto reservations in the west
1876	Philadelphia Exhibition opens, features Bell, Edison, Westinghouse
1876	Colorado is admitted as the 38th state
1877	George Walter Jarvis born to Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G) in Jefferson Co.
1877	Compromise of 1877 ends Reconstruction, settles presidential election

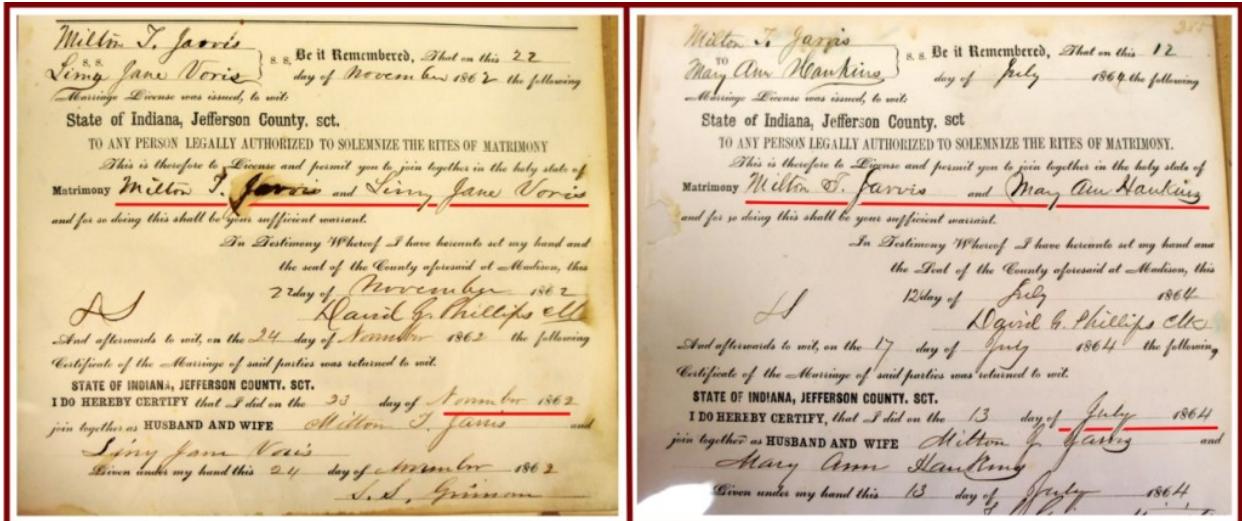
# Long Term Care, Move to Ripley

Harvey and Sarah Jarvis moved a few miles north into Ripley County. But there's a bit more to the story.



Milton T. Jarvis was the youngest child of Harvey and Sarah, born in 1836. He was six years Joseph's junior brother.

Milton married Lima Jane Voris, a neighbor, in 1862. Tragically, Lima Jane died less than a year later, perhaps in childbirth. In July 1864, Milton married Mary Ann Hankins, another neighbor.



Marriage – Milton Jarvis and Liny Jane Voris – 1862 Marriage – Milton Jarvis and Mary Ann Hankins – 1864

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By 1870, Milton and Mary Ann had two children and were living next door to Harvey and Sarah Jarvis on their farm in Jefferson County.

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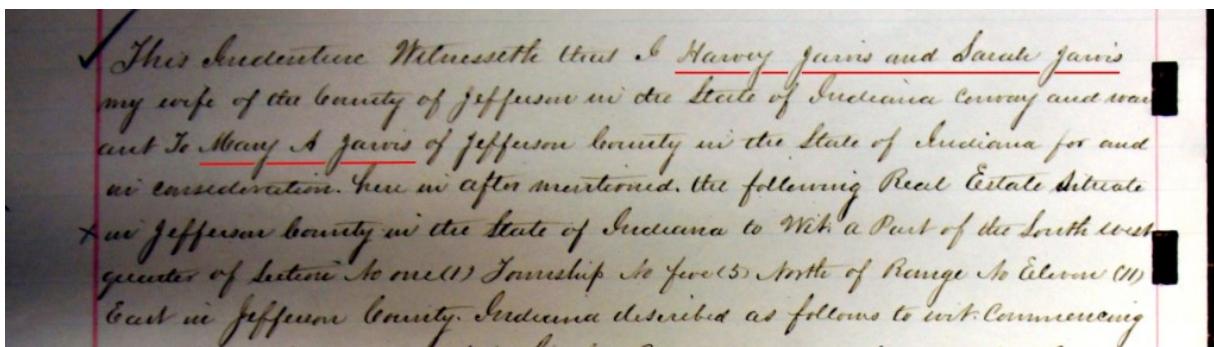
Census – Harvey and Sarah Jarvis, Milton and Mary Ann Jarvis – 1870

In 1870, Harvey and Sarah were in their late 60s. Milton and Mary Ann looked after their needs. Harvey and Sarah developed a close relationship and dependence on them, especially on Mary Ann.

## 1876 – Deed the farm to Mary Ann

In 1876, Harvey and Sarah deeded their land to Mary Ann in return for lifetime care.

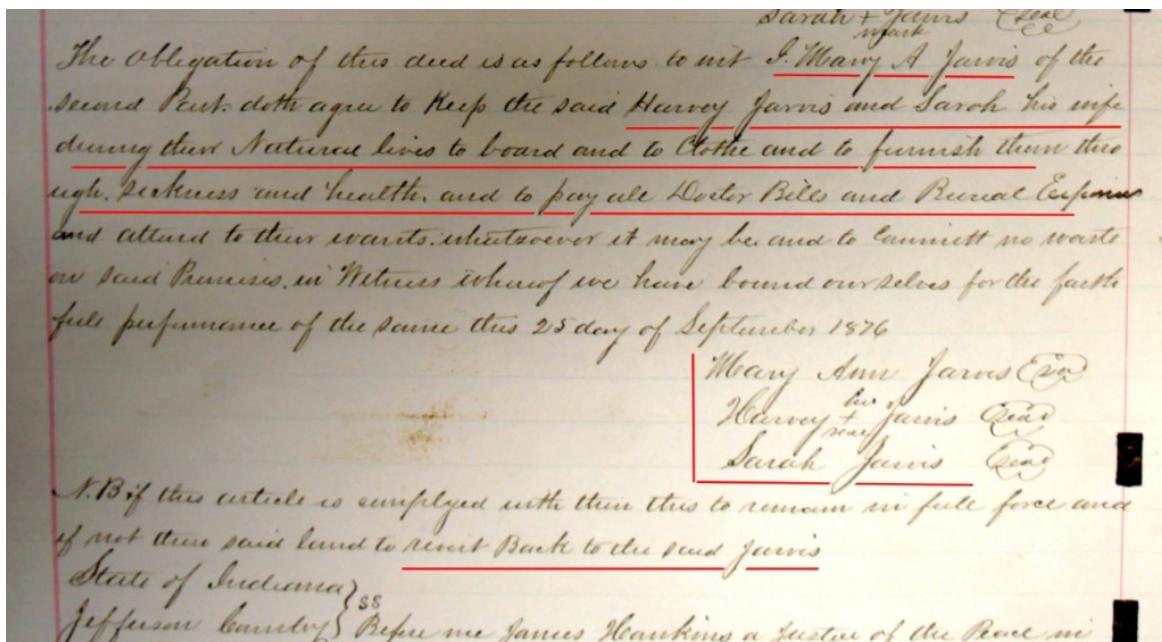
The first part of the deed reads like any other, where Harvey and Sarah Jarvis convey and warrant to Mary A Jarvis the following real estate...



Deed – Harvey and Sarah Jarvis to Mary A Jarvis – 1876

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But there is no payment of money. Instead, Mary Ann promises to take care of them for the rest of their lives.



Condition of the deed – Mary Ann Jarvis, Harvey and Sarah Jarvis



"The condition of this deed is as follows to wit: I, Mary A Jarvis of the second part doth agree to keep the said Harvey Jarvis and Sarah his wife during their Natural lives to board and to Clothe and to furnish them through sickness and health, and to pay all Doctor Bills and Burial Expenses and attend to their wants, whatever it may be and to Committ no waste on said Premises in Witness whereof we have bound ourselves for the faithful performance of the same this 25 day of September 1876."

If Mary Ann doesn't meet her obligations, the land goes back to Harvey and Sarah.

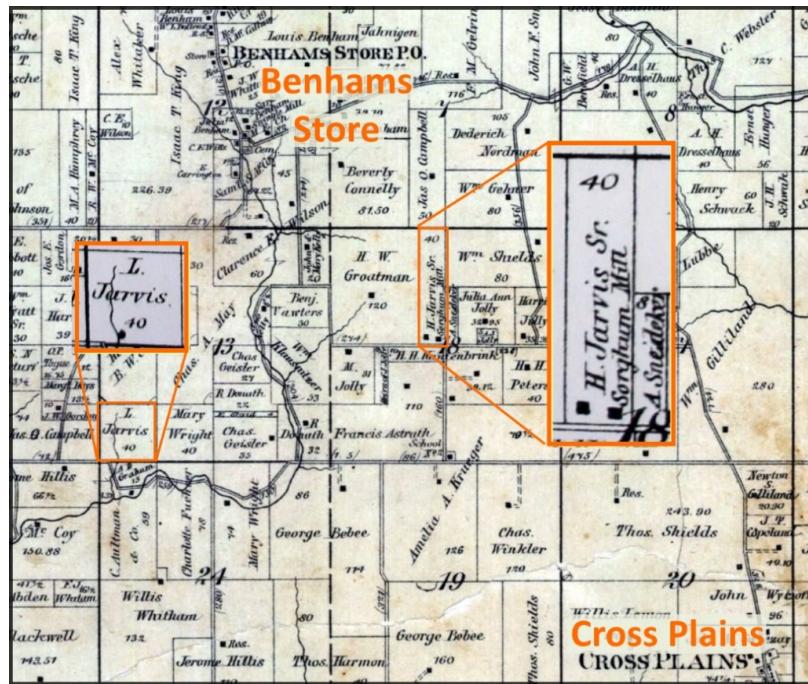
"If this article is complied with then this to remain in full force and if not then said land to remit back to the said Jarvis."

That's progressive long term care insurance. But I'm intrigued that son Milton isn't part of the contract. Just daughter-in-law Mary Ann. Aren't you?

## 1879 – A move to Ripley County

After the legal wranglings to deed Harvey and Sarah's Jefferson County farm to their daughter-in-law Mary Ann, Harvey and Sarah purchased a 40 acre farm a few miles north in Ripley County in 1879. Milton and Mary Ann and family moved with them.

The farm is midway between Benham's Store and Cross Plains. Notice that Lafayette and Rebecca Jarvis moved too. Their farm is two miles west of Harvey and Sarah's.



The map shows a sorghum mill on Harvey's farm. Maybe Milton and Harvey operated the mill.

Why did they move? I don't know. We don't have the deed, so we don't know if there was any arrangement with Mary Ann and Milton for long-term care. But the record shows the sale from James Lemon to Harvey Jarvis, with no mention of Mary Ann.

*Deed Transfer – Harvey Jarvis from James W Lemon – Ripley County – 1879*

## 1880 Census

In the 1880 US Census, Milton and Mary Ann Jarvis and their children were living with Harvey and Sarah on the 40 acre farm in Ripley County. Harvey and Sarah were in their late 70s, so they probably required some care from Mary Ann.

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Census – Milton and Mary Ann Jarvis, Harvey and Sarah Jarvis – Ripley County – 1880



View along road looking west



View along road looking east



View from road looking north

## Family Nibbles



*View from road looking north*



There are two dilapidated structures on the property. Neither looks like a house. Maybe they are part of the Sorghum Mill that was mentioned in the plat map.

## What happened to the Jefferson County farm?

After the move to Ripley County, Mary Ann and Milton sold the 20 acre Jefferson County farm to Wallace Connell for \$290.

*This Indenture witnesseth that Mary A. Jarvis and Milton T. Jarvis of Jefferson County in the State of Indiana do hereby and warrant to Wallace Connell in Ripley County in the State of Indiana for the sum of Two hundred and Ninety dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the following Real Estate in Jefferson*

*Deed – Mary A and Milton T Jarvis to Wallace Connell – Jefferson County farm – 1879*

Did the farm sale end Mary Ann's obligation for long term care? Or is there a new arrangement?

We'll see how it turns out.

# Harvey and Sarah Jarvis Died (4G)

Harvey Jarvis died around 1881. He was age 78.

Sarah Robinson Jarvis died around 1883. She was 80.

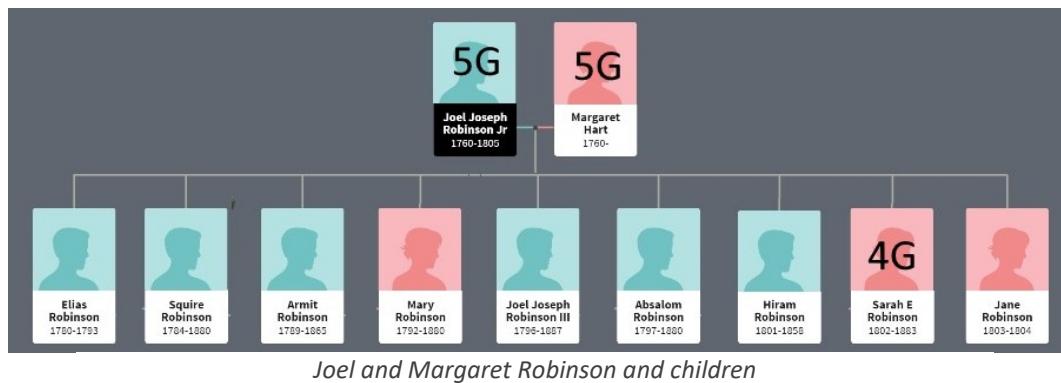
Let's look back at their interesting lives. We'll also see what happened with their long term care arrangement.



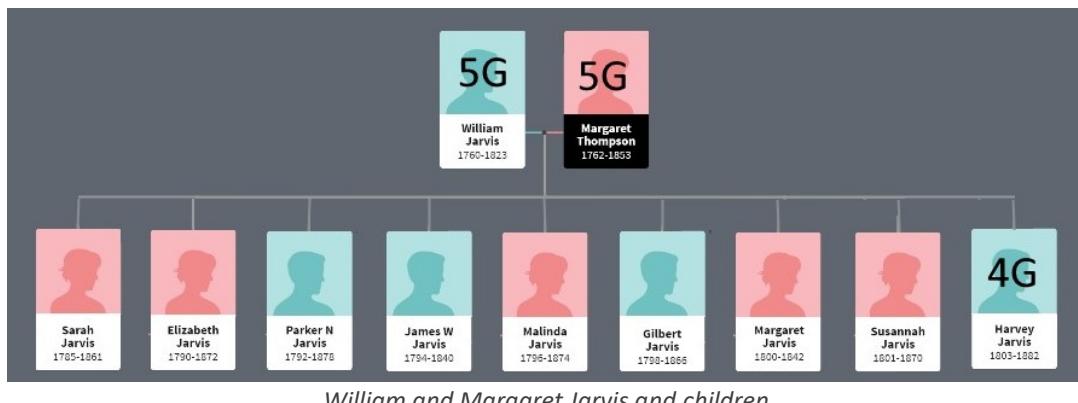
## Early days in Kentucky

Sarah Elizabeth Robinson was born in Tennessee in 1802. Her nickname was Sallie. Her parents Joel and Margaret Hart Robinson are our 5th great-grandparents.

The family moved to Fork Lick Creek in Pendleton County, Kentucky when Sarah was a child. The Robinsons were an extended family, with several siblings' and cousins' families scattered around southwest Pendleton County.



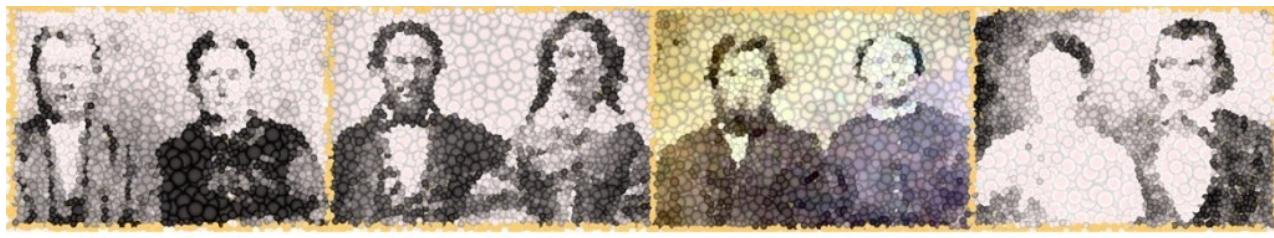
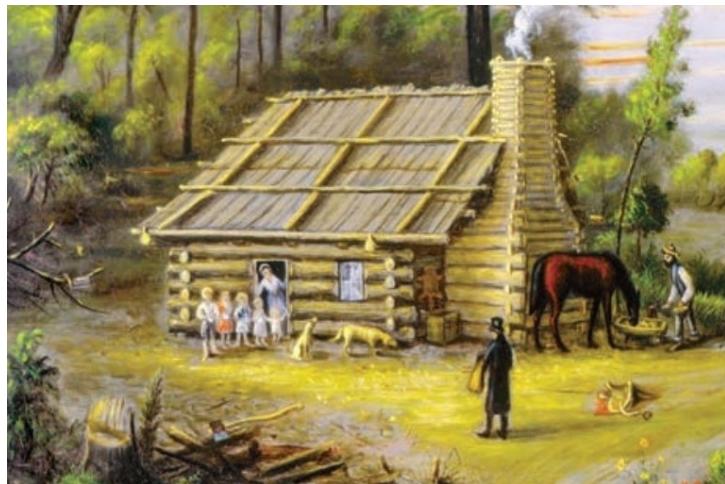
Harvey Jarvis was born in Pendleton County in 1803. His parents, William and Margaret Thompson Jarvis, had come to Kentucky from Maryland in 1792. Harvey was the youngest of their nine children.



## Family Nibbles

Harvey and Sarah grew up in a time and place where a family's food, clothing, and shelter were mostly home grown and homemade. A log house, homespun clothes, a subsistence garden, a crop of corn and some livestock occupied the daily life of all the family members.

Neighbors were important for help, work, and socialization. The bond between Jarvis and Robinson families was no exception. Four of the Robinson children married four of the Jarvis children. And a Robinson was the Methodist preacher at all four weddings. Harvey and Sarah were married in 1822, the last of the four Jarvis/Robinson weddings.



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Armit Robinson  
1816

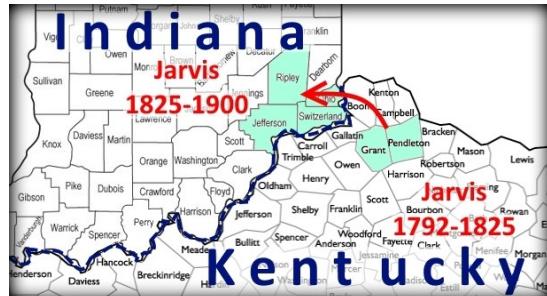
Margaret Jarvis  
Joel Joseph Robinson  
1819

Susannah Jarvis  
Absalom Robinson  
1819

Harvey Jarvis  
Sarah Robinson  
1822

## A Move to Indiana

In the 1820s, most of the Jarvis and Robinson families moved to southeast Indiana. Cheap farmland had become available, and new settlers were taking advantage of the opportunity.



By the mid-1820s, Harvey and Sarah moved too, settling near Versailles in Ripley County. For the next six decades, Harvey and Sarah moved between Ripley and Jefferson Counties.

## Farming, or masonry work?

Like his father and several brothers, Harvey was a stone and brick mason. Harvey made a living both as a farmer a mason.



Mason? or Farmer?

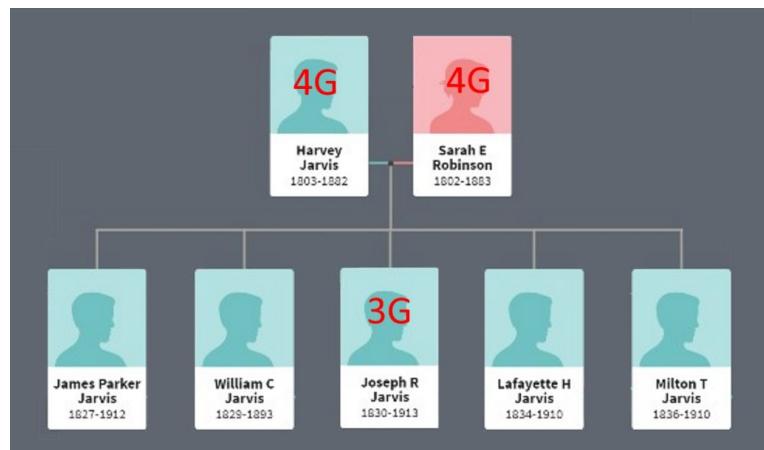
Harvey and Sarah lived on various farms through the years, but it seems like those farms weren't their total livelihood. On various censuses, Harvey is listed as a farmer or a mason.

- *In late 1820s they rented a farm near Versailles in their first decade in Indiana*
- *In 1831 they bought a lot in the town of Versailles, but then sold it*
- *In 1846 they bought a "difficult" farm in northeast Jefferson County*
- *In 1852 they sold the "difficult" farm to their son Joseph*
- *In the 1850s they lived on land of their nephew Gilbert east of Cross Plains*
- *In 1860 they lived in the household of Johnson Watts, a prominent farmer, businessman, politician*
- *In 1868 they bought a 20 acre farm in Hicks Ridge*
- *In 1879, in their 70s, they moved to a 40 acre farm northwest of Cross Plains*

## Raising a family

While Harvey was farming or laying brick, Sarah was having children, raising the family, maintaining the household, providing food and clothing, and whatever other household chores were needed.

Harvey and Sarah raised five sons. They had two other children that died in infancy.



## Later years

Harvey and Sarah lived well into their 70s. They had a 20 acre farm in Hicks Ridge, Jefferson County. Their son Milton, his wife Mary Ann, and their children lived with Harvey and Sarah. Mary Ann was committed to their care, and they rewarded her by deeding the farm to her in return for the promise of care until they died.

In 1879, Harvey, Sarah, Milton, Mary Ann, and kids all moved to a 40 acre farm a few miles north in Ripley County. Milton and Mary Ann continued their care.

Harvey Jarvis died around 1881. He was age 78. Sarah Robinson Jarvis died around 1883. She was 80. Harvey's will left their modest estate to Milton and Mary Ann.

We don't have an exact date of Harvey's death, but his will was written in fall 1880 and recorded in February 1882. So let's guess he died in the fall or winter of 1881.

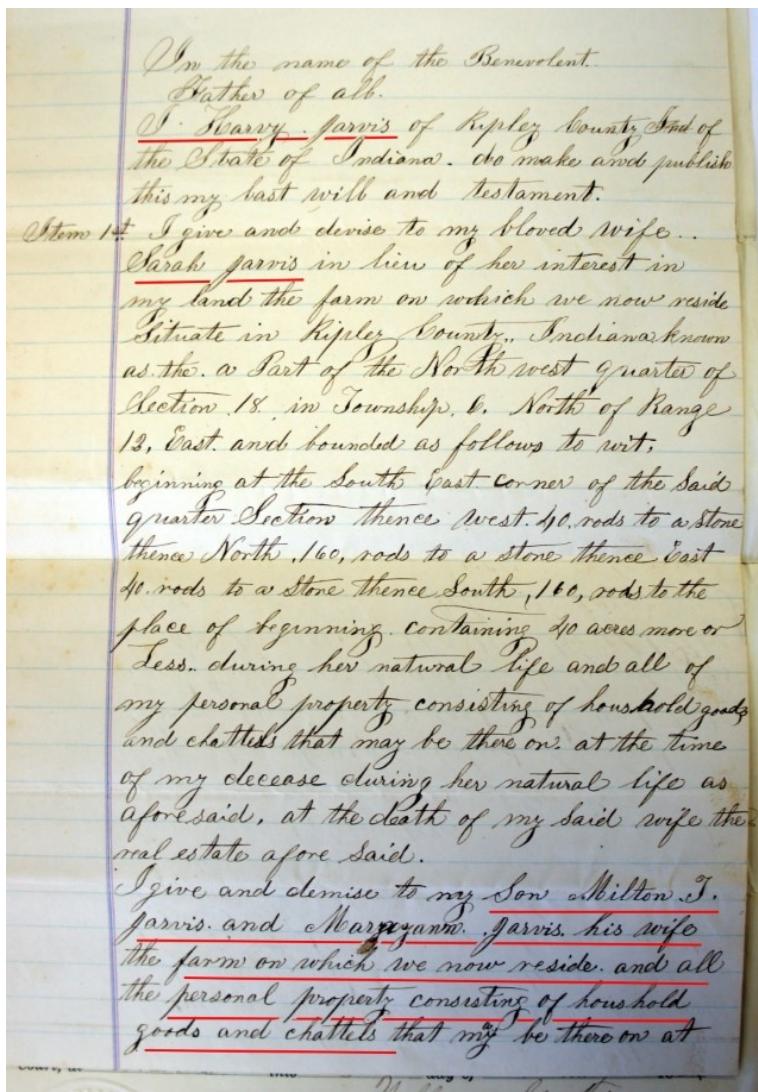


*Jarvis' Ripley County farm*

## Harvey Jarvis' will

Recall that Harvey and Sarah had earlier deeded their Jefferson County farm to Mary Ann Jarvis in return for life care. It seems no such deed was done for the Ripley County farm. But Mary Ann and Milton were living with Harvey and Sarah and must have been providing care.

Even if there was no statement in the land deed, Harvey's will took care of the situation. The estate, such that it was, all went to Mary Ann and Milton.



The will gave the farm and all the personal goods to son Milton T Jarvis and his wife Mary Ann Jarvis. The will specifies that Milton pay \$1 to each of the other sons James P, Joseph R, Lafayette H, and William C.

the time of our decease by Milton T.  
Jarvis, a paying James P. Jarvis one dollar  
and Joseph R. Jarvis one dollar and  
Lafayette H. Jarvis one dollars. and  
William C. Jarvis one dollars of money  
at our Deesas. Witness my hand and seal  
this 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1880. (Seal)  
(Harry Jarvis Seal)

Signed and acknowledged by said  
Harry Jarvis as his last will and test  
ament in our presence and signed by us  
in his presence. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of October  
1880.

John P. Jarvis (Seal)  
Jacob Jolly (Seal)

## Don't be hurtful

My inspiration for starting this blog of family stories came from a session at a genealogy conference. The presenter had a few cardinal rules, among them to not write hurtful or damaging things about anyone. I've thought about the rule from time to time as I've written stories. Our families aren't saints. They weren't perfect, just as we aren't perfect.

Sometimes there are conflicts in families. We've all had them.

## Why bequeath one dollar?

I searched for reasons why someone's will would bequeath one dollar. It seems like this is often used to be explicit that someone is not to receive any other portion of an estate, especially a spouse or child.

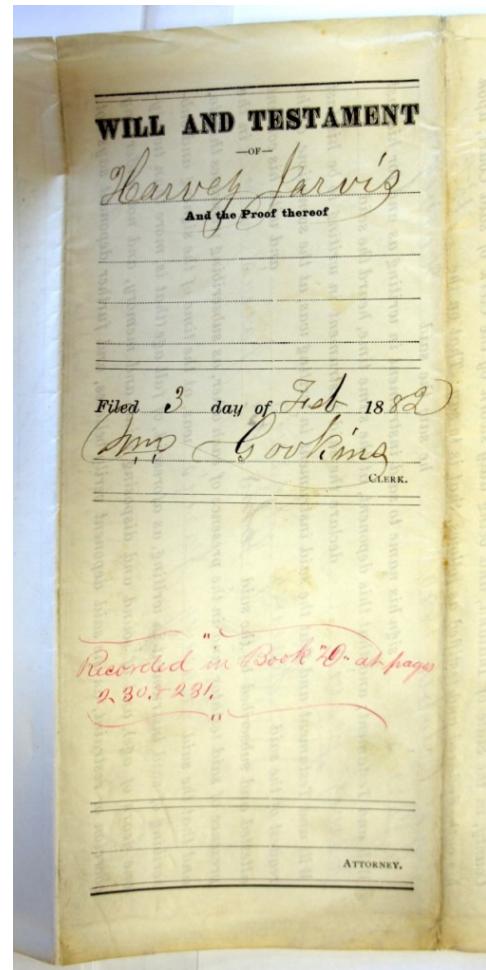
If you don't mention a child in the will, it could be contested as an accidental omission. If you bequeath one dollar, it's a specific and intentional act of what you will leave them.

*A word of caution: check the requirements of your state. Some states require parents to leave each child at least a token amount for the will to be valid. This can be a small amount, as little as \$1.*

*How to Write Children Out of a Will – Christine Funk, J.D.*

*Usually, the goal is not to give the child \$1, but just to acknowledge that the lack of a larger inheritance is intentional. A will that simply doesn't mention a child may appear to be incomplete. A will that gives them a dollar clearly states that they should not get anything more and that it was done on purpose.*

*Why would you leave \$1 to an heir – Law Office of Barbara J. Dibble*



I believe that Harvey and Sarah were making an explicit statement that Milton and Mary Ann were to receive all their estate. Maybe that was a legal statement to assure that nothing got challenged. Or maybe the other sons had caused trouble about Harvey and Sarah deeding their farm to Milton and Mary Ann. We're left to make our own conclusions.

## What happened to the farm?

Although we don't have the deeds, the land transfer records indicate that the 40-acre farm was forfeited to the state, and then later transferred to Mary Connell in 1885.

So maybe Mary Ann and Milton didn't make out so well on their extended care of Harvey and Sarah.

## Where are Harvey and Sarah buried?

Unfortunately, we don't know where Harvey and Sarah are buried.



Milton and Mary Ann are buried in Cross Plains Methodist Cemetery, Milton in an unmarked grave.

Milton Jarvis is in one of the unmarked graves in the Cross Plains cemetery.  
Dave Renny was one of the oldest people in Cross Plains then .His  
*Interview with James Copeland – papers of Violet Toph*

Is it possible that Harvey and Sarah are buried in the same cemetery and their markers are gone? Since Milton and Mary Ann were responsible for the burial for Harvey and Sarah, it seems that they might be buried in the same cemetery.

Many other Jarvises are buried in Benham or in Cross Plains, where the nearest church cemeteries are.

## Nibbles Extra Credit

### Cross Plains churches and cemeteries

Maybe a future researcher will find where Harvey and Sarah are buried. Since we can't find them, let's look at some other Jarvis burials in Cross Plains cemeteries.

### Cross Plains Methodist Church

The Cross Plains Methodist Church was founded in 1832. The original church was a log structure just northwest of the present building. The present brick building was built in the fall of 1875 and winter of 1876. Jarvises worked on the brick masonry. The cost was \$2,100.

*In the fall of 1876 the village of Cross Plains held a festival for the purpose of raising funds to get a bell for the church. Receipts for the evening, \$126.60. Rev. J.B. Brewer went to Cincinnati and procured a bell, cost \$87.00.*

*Records of the early days of the church include the following financial statistics: In 1875, the church insurance for 3 years was \$20. The assessment for the pastor in 1884 was \$77.*

*Ripley County History – 1818-1988*



*Cross Plains Methodist Church – Cross Plains, Indiana*

There are lots of Jarvises in the cemetery. It's remarkable that all these Jarvises (except spouses) are descended from William and Margaret Jarvis of Pendleton County, Kentucky.

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Most Jarvises here descend from Harvey's eldest brother James W. and Mariah Elder Jarvis and Harvey's youngest son Milton T. and Mary Ann (Hankins) Jarvis.



*Cross Plains Methodist Cemetery – the “Jarvis section”*



*Vern and wife Myrtle, great-grandson  
of Harvey's brother James*



*John P., grandson of Harvey's brother  
James*



*Gilbert W and wife Rebecca, son of  
Harvey's brother James*



*Joanna, first wife of Gilbert W., son of  
Harvey's brother James*



*Jess W and wife Rosa, grandson of  
Harvey's brother James*



*John P. Jarvis and wife Zeruah, son of  
Harvey's brother James*



*William L., wife Eliza, daughter Elsie,  
grandson of Harvey's brother James*



*Richard H., grandson of Harvey's  
brother James*

## Family Nibbles



James W Jarvis, Harvey's brother



Rebecca (Buchanan) Jarvis, wife of  
Harvey's brother James



Robert W, son of Harvey's brother  
James



Thomas E, son of Harvey's brother  
James



Parker, son of Harvey's brother James



Samuel L and wife Myrtle, son of  
Milton and Mary Ann Jarvis, grandson  
of Harvey and Sarah



Mary Ann (Hankins) Jarvis, wife of Harvey's son Milton, and  
caretaker of Harvey and Sarah



Harry W, son of Milton and Mary Ann Jarvis, grandson of  
Harvey and Sarah

## Cross Plains Baptist Church

The Cross Plains Baptist Church was founded in 1843. The church building was built in 1844 and is still in use today. The church is one half mile east of town.

*In the Dec. 1855 meeting the treasurer reported having spent the following for church related items: candles \$1.00, wine of Lord's Supper \$1.10, and for church minutes pen and ink \$1.00. The church voted to pay its pastor \$60.00 per year or \$5.00 per service.*

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*Harvey and wife Orilla, son of Harvey's brother James*



*Eliza (Sailors) Jarvis, first wife of William C Jarvis, Harvey's son and Joseph's brother*



*Sarah, daughter of James P and Rebecca Jarvis, Harvey's son and Joseph's brother*

## Family Nibbles



Nancy (Kinnett) Jarvis, second wife of William C, Harvey's son and Joseph's brother



William C Jarvis, Harvey's 2nd son and Joseph's elder brother



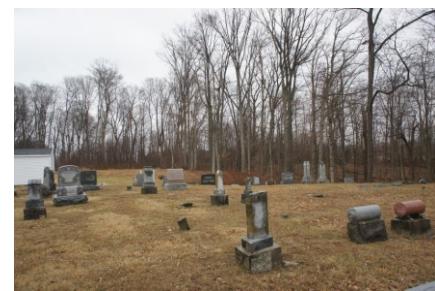
Elizabeth Jarvis Conyers, daughter of William and Margaret, elder sister of Harvey



William Conyers, husband of Elizabeth Jarvis Conyers, son of Dennis Conyers



Elizabeth (Harman) Jarvis, wife of James F, grandson of Harvey's brother James



# Joseph and Martha (3G) to Ohio County



Joseph and Martha Jarvis had lived in Shelby Township, Jefferson County since they married in 1852. They bought and sold and moved to various farms, all within a few miles of each other.

## Leaving Jefferson County

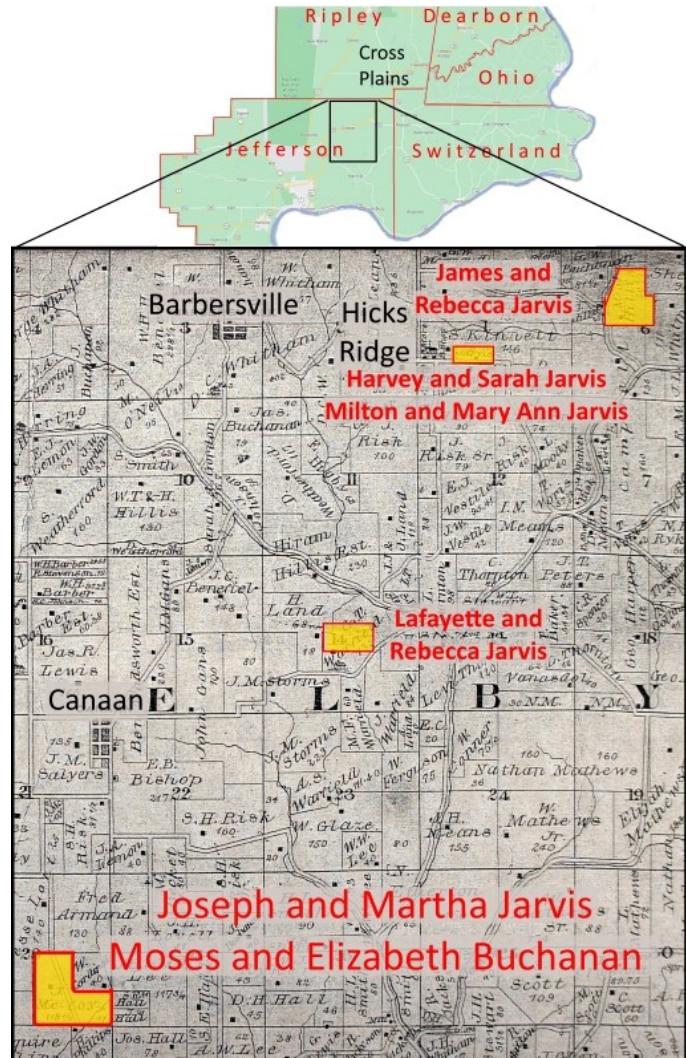
In 1873, Joseph and Martha bought a joint venture farm with Martha's brother Moses Buchanan and his wife Elizabeth. That farm was also in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, where Joseph and Martha's extended families lived.

The joint venture didn't go well. The mortgage was foreclosed in the fall of 1875. The occupants were to vacate the property by March 1, 1876.

After living in Jefferson County for 25 years, Joseph and Martha left the county.

Coincidentally, Joseph's parent Harvey and Martha moved to Ripley County in 1879, along with Joseph's brother Milton and his family.

Joseph's brother Lafayette also moved from Jefferson County into Ripley County around the same time.



## Family Nibbles

Brother James stayed, and his children had farms in Jefferson County into the early 1900s.

*Jarvis farms – Jefferson County – mid-1870s*

## A legal problem

There may have been another motivation to leave Jefferson County. Joseph was in a legal suit with the school district of Shelby Township where he lived. It involved a contract to construct schools in the township.

Joseph prevailed on a technicality in the state Supreme Court, but I imagine it was costly.

THE case of Joseph R. Jarvis vs. Shelby township, this county, has been reversed by the Supreme Court. This was an action (in the language of the decision) by the appellee, the civil township, against the appellant upon an agreement in relation to the building of certain school-houses. The contract might be construed to have been made with the school township, as the civil township had no power to enter into such contracts. But in any case the action should have been brought by the school and not by the civil township.

*Madison Weekly Herald – December 4, 1878*

## A move to Ohio County

The 1880 census shows Joseph and Martha living in the village of Milton, in Ohio County, Union Township, Indiana.

Union Township		, in the County of Ohio		, State of Indiana	
enumerated by me on the		Fifth		day of June, 1880.	
<i>Eli H. Turner</i>					
3132	<del>Jarvis Charles</del>	W.M.22	/	Farmer	✓ Charles
—	Arys	W.H.20	Wife	✓	Ann
—	Sucy. G.	W.H.32	Daughter		Lucy G
3434	<del>Jarvis Joseph</del>	W.M.44	/	Farmer	✓ Joseph Jarvis
—	Martha A.	W.H.45	Wife	✓	Martha A
—	William	W.M.36	Son	✓	William
—	Miranda	W.H.16	Daughter		Miranda
—	Ella	W.H.14	Daughter		Ella
—	John	W.M.11	son	✓	John
—	Lilla	W.H.7	Daughter		Lilla
—	George	W.M.2	also	/	✓ George

Census – Charles Jarvis family and Joseph Jarvis family – Ohio County, Indiana – 1880

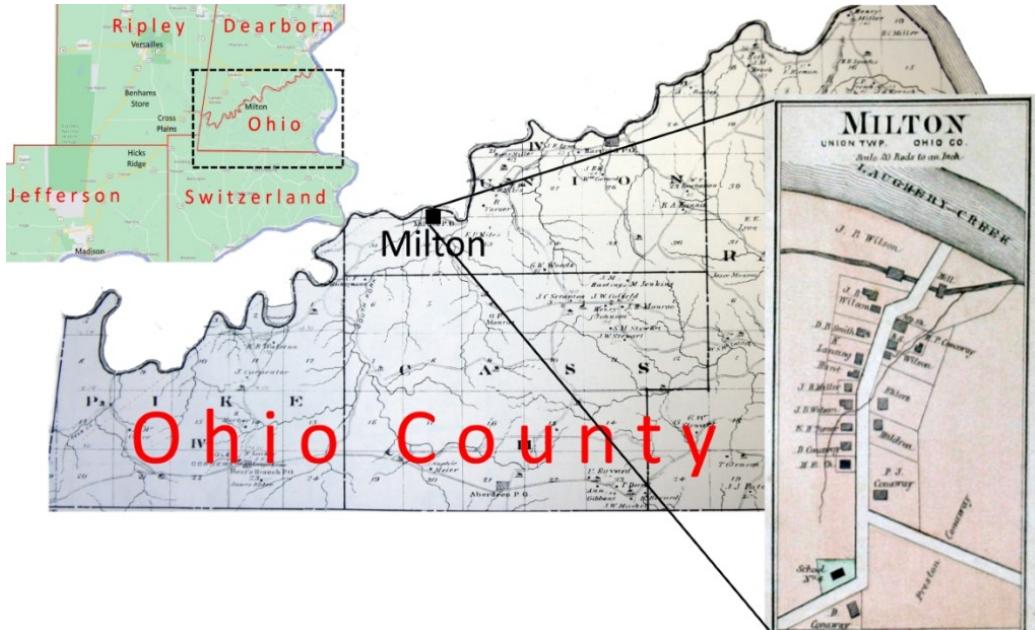
## Their farm

The census lists Joseph as a farmer. It lists son William, 26, as a farmer. It lists son John, 11, as working on farm. And the census lists son Charles, 22, living next door, as a farmer. So it looks like the family is

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giving it a go farming instead of mason work. We don't know where their farm is, but it's probably near the little village of Milton.

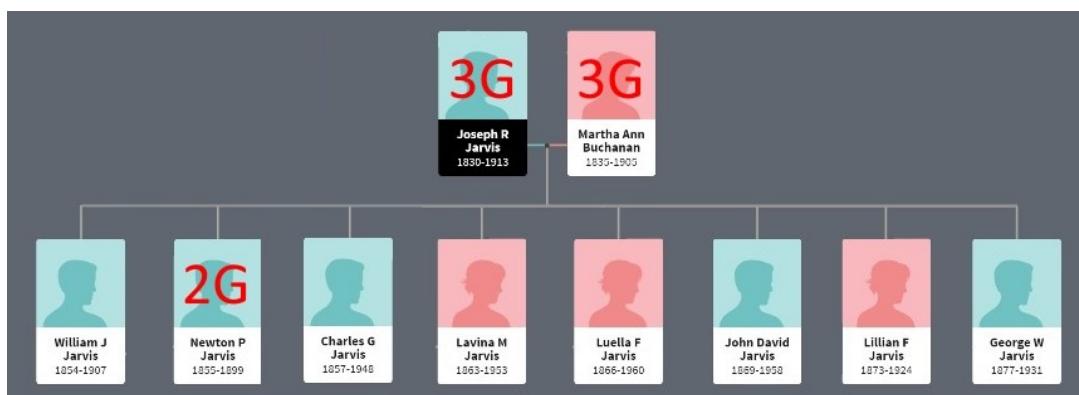
Milton is a village of a dozen or so houses. It's in Union Township, in north central Ohio County. It's bordered on the north by Laughery Creek and Dearborn County. Naturally, it just a few miles from Cross Plains. Ohio County is the smallest county in Indiana.



## Their family

In 1880, Joseph is age 49, Martha age 45.

There are six children living at home, including eldest son William, 26, and five younger ones. Third son Charles, 22, is living next door with his wife Ann and their three month old daughter Lucy.



Second son Newton, 25, is married and living nearby in Switzerland County.

Martha has had eight children during a 23 year span.

# A move to Rising Sun

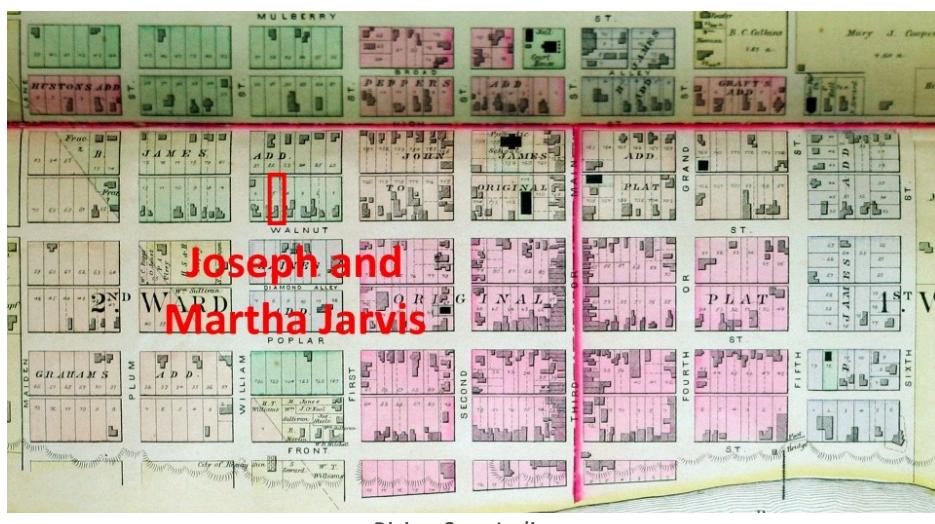
In 1883, Joseph and Martha "moved to town", the Ohio River port town of Rising Sun. They had been on the farm in Milton for seven years.

Joseph was age 53, Martha 48. They would farm no more. Henceforth Joseph would earn his living as a mason.

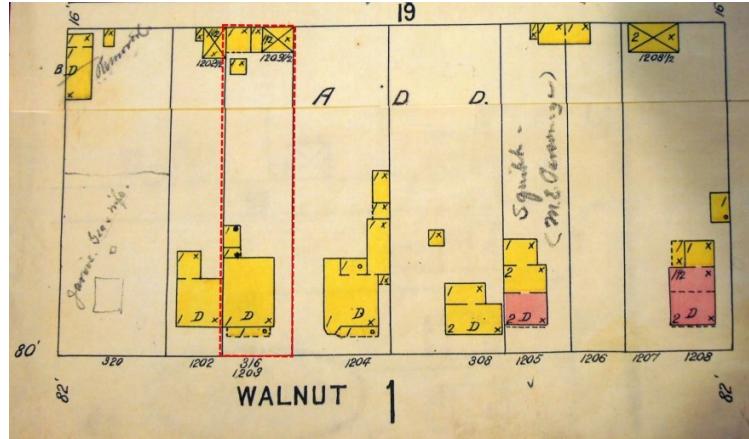
Their son Charles would also give up farming and move nine miles southwest of Milton to Sugar Branch in Switzerland County. Sugar Branch is wh



Rising Sun was a river town. Although river commerce had declined after the Civil War and given way to railroads, Rising Sun was still a large town. The population was about 1,500.



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*Joseph and Martha Jarvis – Lot in Rising Sun, Indiana*

Joseph and Martha bought a lot (parts of lots 4 and 5) with house from Isabel Espy for \$600.



Here's Rising Sun today. It's a pretty sleepy town, forgotten by today's economic engines.



## Family Nibbles



Still close enough to visit family

**Republican.**

PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL NEWS.      TERMS---\$1.50 PER YEAR.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1889.      NO. 25

**REXXVILLE**

Preaching next Sunday evening at 3 o'clock.

There was a slight of hand show at the school house Monday night.

Our last Township Institute was held here last Saturday, with the following programme: G. L. Thomas, Reviews and Examinations; F. T. Klotsche, Physiology; Anna Cameron, Primary Teaching; Maggie Hamilton, Oral Arithmetic; G. W. Osborn, Pedagogy.

Ninety-five days of school in this township.

Prof. A. R. Beach has given up his school at New Marion and will begin preaching. Success to you, Prof. in your new field of labor.

Eighteen more days of school.

Two female tramps passed through town last Sunday dressed in male attire.

Literary next Friday night will a good programme.

Mrs. Mollie Beach spent the fore part of the week visiting her brother at New Marion.

Don't forget the fox drive next Saturday.

**CROSS PLAINS.**

Clint Carnine visited his uncle at Lamb, Ind., the fore part of this week. The farmers are complaining at the extreme low price of butter and eggs. The hens and cows will have to get on a strike.

Rev. A. R. Beach has been appointed to preach the remainder of this year on this (Moorefield) circuit. He will move into the parsonage and the people may rest assured that there will be preaching on the work for the rest of the year.

C. P. Hunter lost a valuable mare on last Friday night from the effects of lock-jaw, brought on by a wound in her shoulder, caused by a shaft running into her shoulder. It leaves Charley without a horse.

Lomatch & Berner received hogs at one place one day last week.

Joseph Jarvis and family, of Rising Sun, visited his brothers Lafayette and Wm. at this place last week.

There was no church on Sunday night on account of the extreme inclemency of the weather.

**Bull's Baby Syrup**  
Facilitates Teething! Price only 25 cents.  
Sold at druggists. Regulates the Bowels!

**Day's Horse Powder,**  
Prevents Lung Fever and  
cures Distemper. 1 pound  
in each package. For sale by all dealers. Try us.

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**SMOKE LANGE'S CUBED CIGARETTES for One cent. Price 10 Cts. At all druggists.**

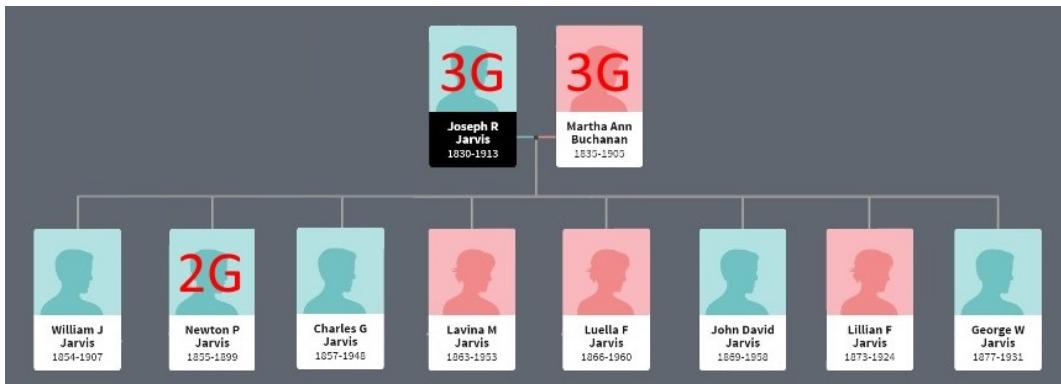
Versailles Republican – January 24, 1889

## Timeline 1880s

Year	Event
1877	Compromise of 1877 ends Reconstruction, settles presidential election
1878	First telephone exchange opens in New Haven Connecticut
1879	Harvey and Sarah Jarvis (4G) move with son Milton to Ripley County IN
1879	Newton P Jarvis (2G) married Sarah Alice Beatty in Switzerland County IN
1879	Edison creates first commercially viable light bulb
1879	F.W. Woolworth opens five and dime store in Utica, NY. It failed weeks later
1880	Harvey and Sarah Jarvis (4G) living with Milton, Mary Ann in Ripley County
1880	Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G) living in Milton, Ohio County, Indiana
1880	Newton P Jarvis (2G) and Sarah living in Switzerland County, IN
1880	US population is 50 million, a 30.2% increase over 1870
1880	Panama Canal construction begins by French
1881	President James Garfield shot and killed, is succeeded by Chester Arthur
1881	Clara Barton named president of Red Cross, would serve until 1904
1882	Harvey Jarvis (4G) died in Brown Twp, Ripley County, Indiana, age 79
1882	Polygamy outlawed by US Congress
1883	Myrtle Jarvis born to Newton (2g) and Sarah in Switzerland County IN
1883	Sarah Elizabeth Robinson Jarvis (4G) died in Ripley County Indiana, age 81
1883	Joseph and Martha (3G) move to town of Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana
1883	Brooklyn Bridge opened, after 14 years of construction
1883	First vaudeville theater opened in Boston
1883	Five standard time zones made by US and Canada railroads to end confusion
1884	Washington Monument completed after 37 years of work
1885	Statue of Liberty arrives in New York harbor
1886	Sarah Beatty Jarvis died in childbirth in Switzerland County IN, age 23
1886	Dr. John Pemberton, Georgia pharmacist, invents Coca-Cola
1887	First Groundhog Day observed in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania
1889	Newton P Jarvis married Anna Elizabeth Burton (2G) on March 27
1889	First Oklahoma land rush, 50,000 people raced for 160 acre parcels of land
1889	First issue of the Wall Street Journal published
1889	North Dakota is admitted as the 39th state
1889	South Dakota is admitted as the 40th state
1889	Montana is admitted as the 41st state
1889	Washington is admitted as the 42nd state

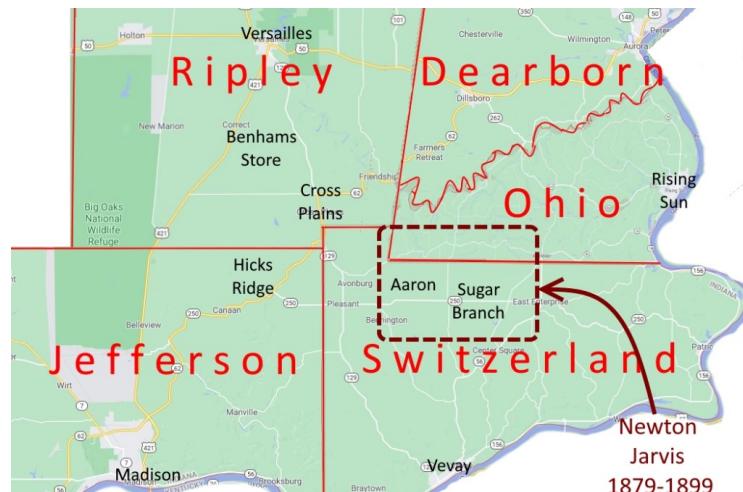
# Newton Jarvis (2G) and Sarah Beaty

Newton P. Jarvis was born October 2, 1855 in Jefferson County, Indiana. His parents were Joseph R. and Martha Ann Buchanan Jarvis. Newton was the 2nd oldest of eight children.



I don't know what name his middle initial P. represents, but there were lots of Parkers and Pryors in the family. Maybe it's one of those.

Newton grew up in Shelby Township, Jefferson County. His parents moved a lot during his childhood, but always in Jefferson County until 1876. Then they moved to Ohio County, just north of the border of Switzerland County. Newton would live his adult life in this area.



## Sarah Alice Beaty

Sarah Alice Beaty was born December 31, 1858, in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana. Her parents were Elijah and Sarah Laughridge Beaty. Sarah was the sixth of ten children.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Lane Creek Township, in the County of Decatur, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Westport. Soph. J. Knoblin, Asst Marshal.

Designating number of dwelling, or building, or name of vessel,	Name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family,	Description	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female,	Value of Real Estate Owned		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth,	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth,	Whether deaf, and dumb, blind, imbecile, or idiotic.	EDUCATIONAL						CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.											
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26	"	John W	Farm Laborer	26	m	w	Indiana	500																	26	
27	"	Peter A	Am Painter	21	m	w		"																	27	
28	"	Charles	Farm Laborer	15	m	w		"																	28	
29	"	George		15	m	w		"																	29	
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Census – Sarah Alice Beaty – Decatur County, Indiana – 1870

The Beaty family moved around, from Jefferson County in 1860s to Decatur County in 1870s to Switzerland County in 1870s and back to Jefferson County by 1880.

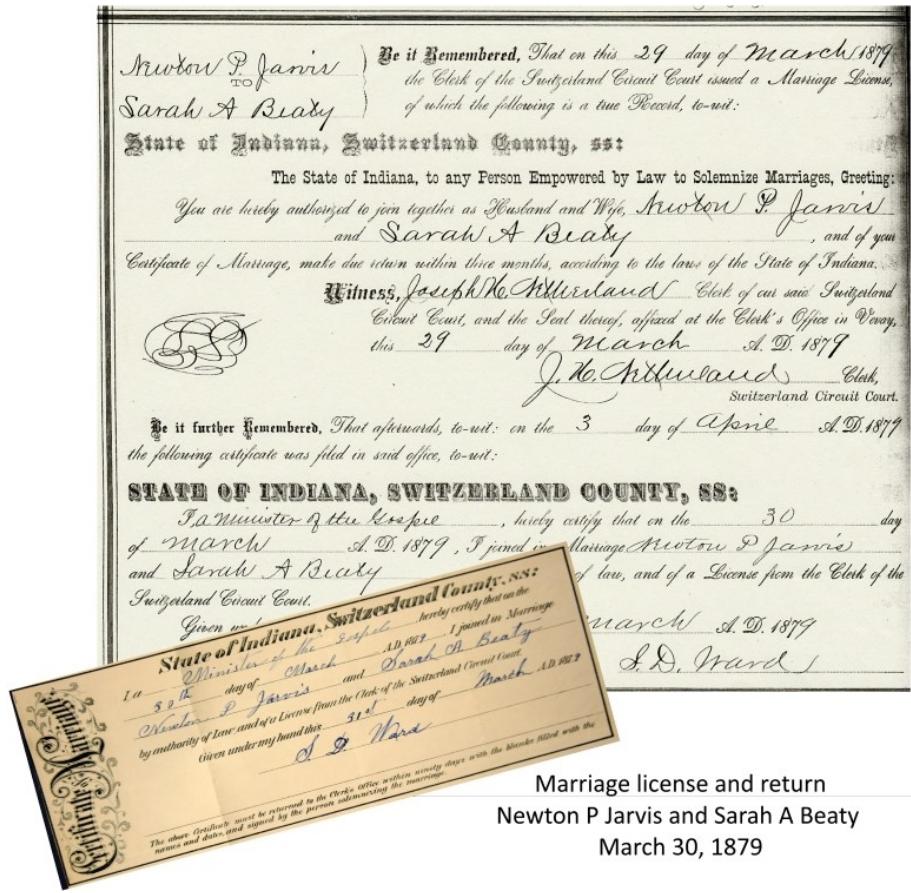
## Newton and Sarah married

On March 30, 1879, Newton P. Jarvis married Sarah Alice Beaty. Newton was 23, Sarah 20. Reverend S.D. Ward presided.

## And had children

Arminta Frances Jarvis was born December 27, 1879, the first child of Newton and Sarah. Another daughter Myrtle was born October 1, 1884.

On February 20, 1886, Sarah gave birth to a baby boy, her 3rd born. I don't have any record of what happened to this child. Did he survive? Did he grow to adulthood? I don't think so, but I don't know.



Marriage license and return  
Newton P Jarvis and Sarah A Beaty  
March 30, 1879

## Sarah was sick

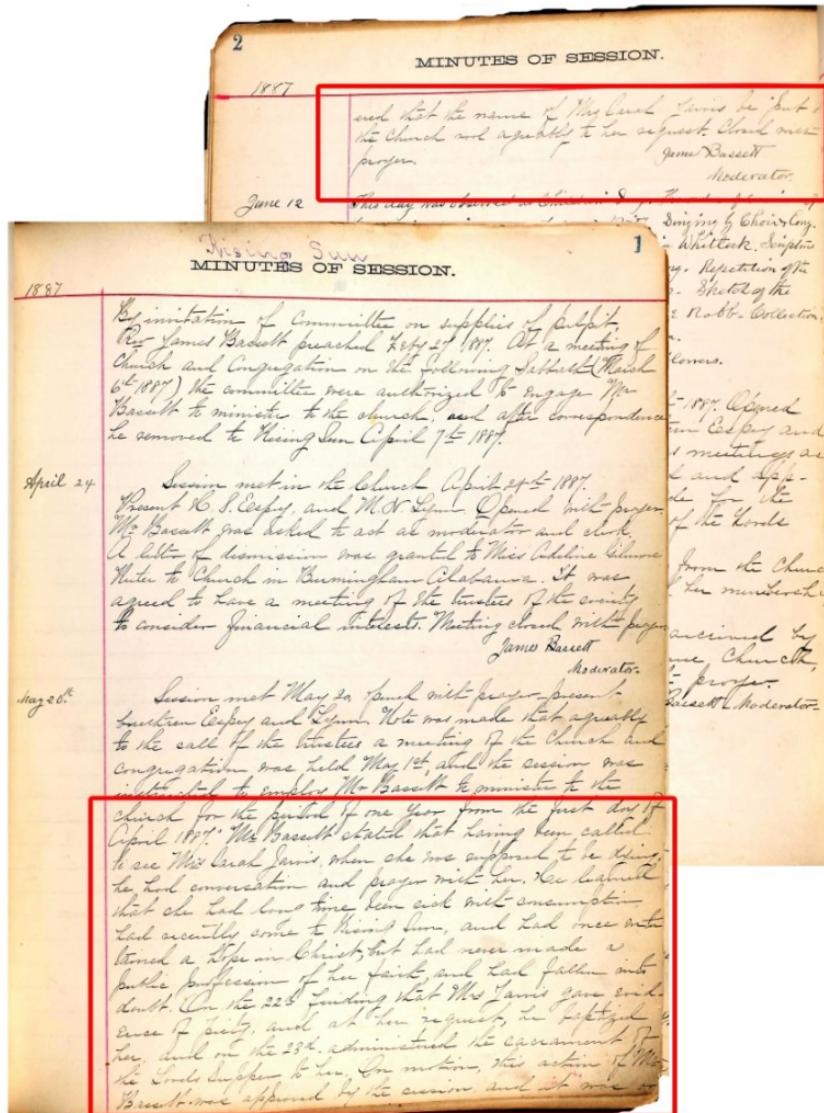
Sarah was sick, very sick. And she knew it.

In spring 1887, Sarah went to Rising Sun and asked to see the Presbyterian minister. Here's her poignant story, told in the church minutes.

*Mr. Bassett stated that having been called to see Mrs. Sarah Jarvis when she was supposed to be dying, he had conversation and prayer with her. He learned that she had long time been sick with consumption, had recently come to Rising Sun, and had once entertained a Hope in Christ, but had never made a public profession of her faith, and had fallen into doubt. On the 22nd finding that Mrs. Jarvis gave evidence of piety, and at her request, he baptized her and on the 23rd administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to her. In motion, this action of Mr. Bassett was approved by the session and it was ordered that the name of Mrs. Sarah Jarvis be put in the Church roll agreeably to her request. Closed with prayer.*

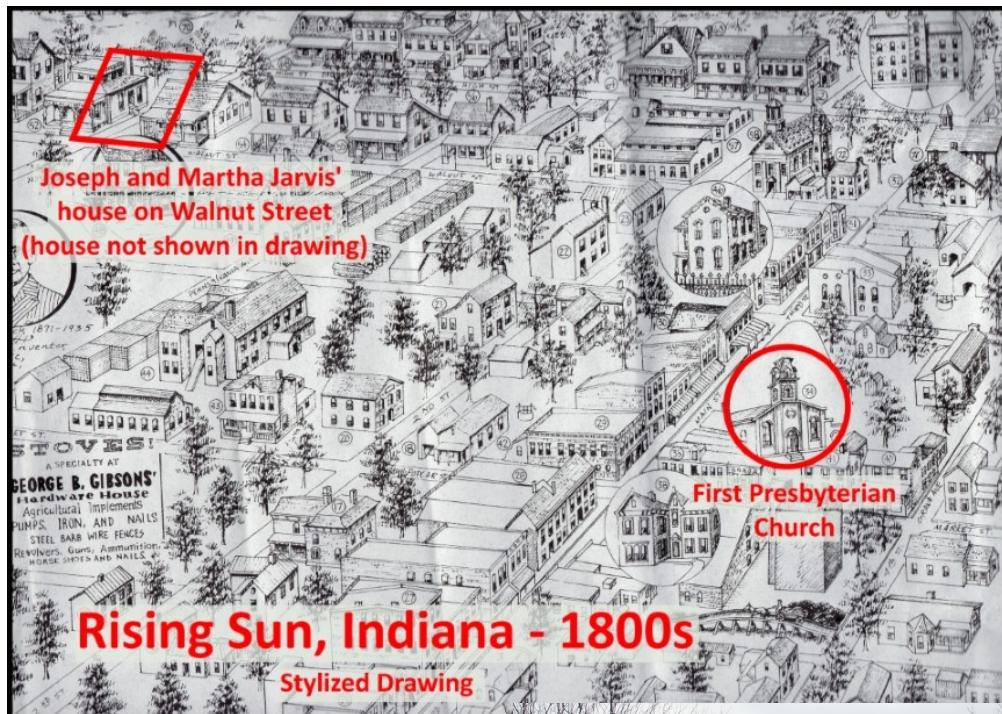
*James Bassett, Moderator*

*Minutes book of the First Presbyterian Church of Rising Sun*



Perhaps Sarah and family stayed with Newton's parents Joseph and Martha when she recently came to Rising Sun. The Jarvis house on Walnut Street was close to the Presbyterian Church.

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Sarah was baptized on May 22, received communion on May 23, and was made a member of the church on May 23.

V. REGISTER OF BAPTISMS				
When the person baptised is an adult, the word "Adult" may be inserted instead of the names of the parents or in addition thereto. The names of persons baptised should be given in full, and also the Christian names of their parents. This Register is intended also to embrace the names of all persons in the Congregation who have been baptised in infancy elsewhere, but have not been admitted to full communion.				
NAMES	PARENTS' NAMES	WHEN BORN		
Mr. Sarah Alice Jarvis	Elijah & Sarah Alice Beatty - adult	Dec. 31-1858		
130				
PERSONS.				
When Baptised      Came into this Church      Received to Full Communion      DISMISSED      DIED				
May 22 1887	May 23 1887	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1887	-	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1887
137				

Sadly, Sarah died on June 2, 1887. She was 28.

Newton was a widower at 31. His daughter Arminta was age 10, Myrtle was 5.

## Nibbles Extra Credit

### Consumption

*Tuberculosis, also known as consumption, is a disease caused by bacteria that usually attacks the lungs, and at the turn of the 20th century, the leading cause of death in the United States.*

*How We Conquered Consumption – American Lung Association*

*By the dawn of the 19th century tuberculosis – or consumption – had killed one in seven of all people that had ever lived.*

*TB in America – American Experience*

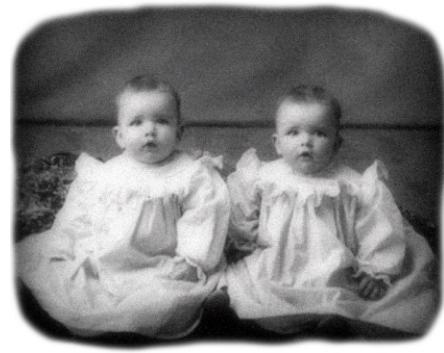


# Anna Burton's Family (2G)

Newton Jarvis married Anna Burton. Before we talk about that, let's look at the Burton family.

Anna Elizabeth Burton was born May 15, 1870 in Rising Sun, Indiana. Her parents were George W. and Eliza J. Burton.

The 1870 census was enumerated just a month after Anna was born. It includes an interesting surprise...



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		Post Office: <u>Rising Sun</u> <u>Wilmotus Davis Ass't Marshal</u> .																	
Inquirer's name, & number of schedule or number of residence	Number of residence	DESCRIPTION.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.	EDUCATION.	CONDITIONS RELATING TO PERSON											
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Census – George and Eliza Burton – Rising Sun, Indiana – 1870

Anna was a twin!

The census lists Anna and Hannah Burton, born May 15. But there was a mistake, as we'll see. There were also three older children – Allen, 9, Charles, 7, and Mary, 4.

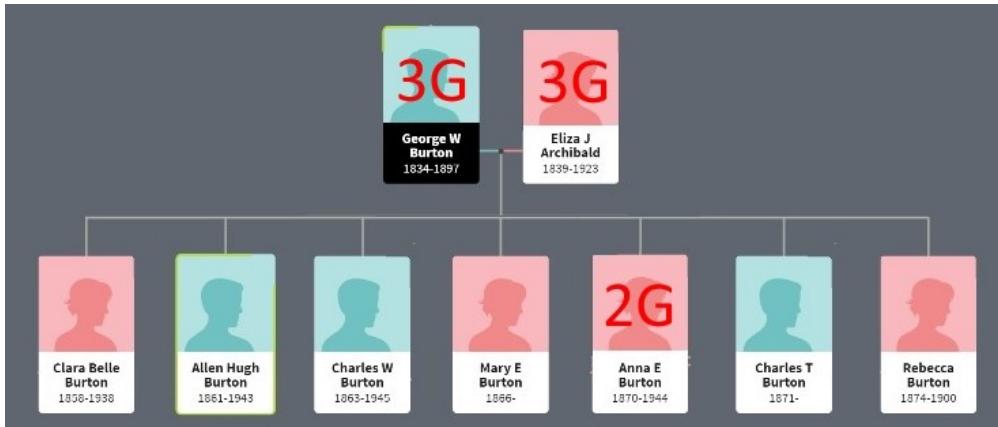
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		Clara 11 F/F			Wife						Indiana	Indiana	Ind						
		Allen 9 M/F	Son		None						Indiana	Ind	Ind						
		Charles 7 M/F	Son		None						Indiana	Ind	Ind						
		Mary 4 F/F	Son		None						Indiana	Ind	Ind						
		Anna 1 M/F	Son								Indiana	Ind	Ind						
		Hannah 1 M/F	Son								Indiana	Ind	Ind						
		Rebecca 1 M/F	Son								Indiana	Ind	Ind						

Census – George and Eliza Burton – Rising Sun, Indiana – 1880

## Family Nibbles

Ten years later, in the 1880 census, Hannah isn't listed. But a son Charles T. is listed and is the same age as Anna. Charles Thomas (known as Tom) turns out to be Anna's twin brother.

There's also a younger daughter Rebecca. George and Eliza had seven children.

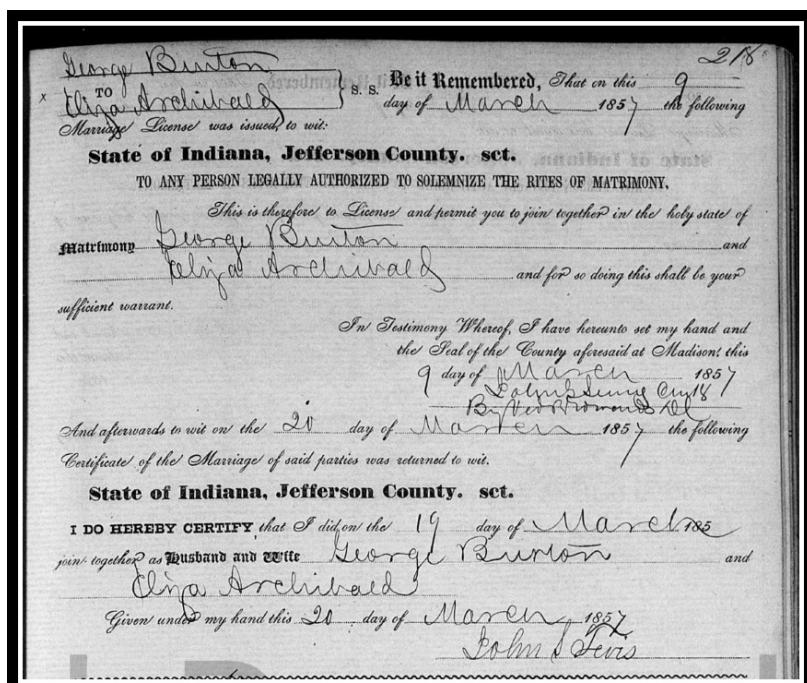


## George and Eliza Burton (3G)

Anna's father George Burton was born in Jefferson County in 1834 and spent his early life there. Her mother was Eliza Archibald, whose family moved from Indiana to Illinois and then back to Rising Sun.

George Burton and Eliza Archibald married March 9, 1857 in Jefferson County.

They lived in Jefferson County in 1860, but soon moved to Rising Sun and lived there in the 1870s and 1880s.

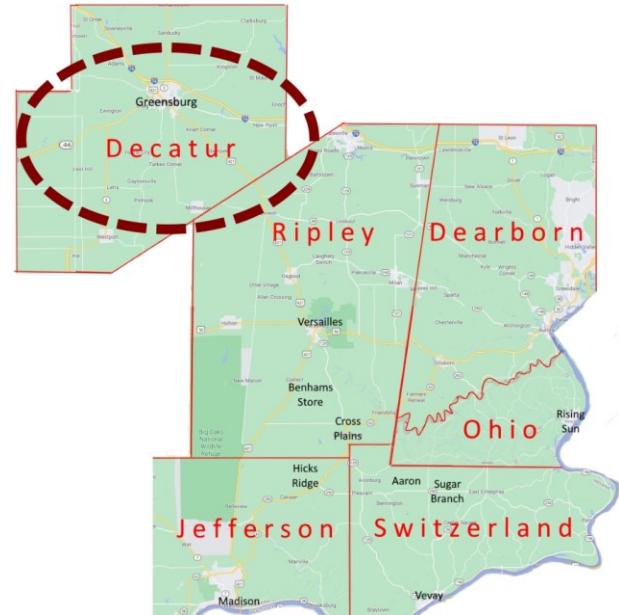


Marriage license – George Burton and Eliza Archibald – 1857

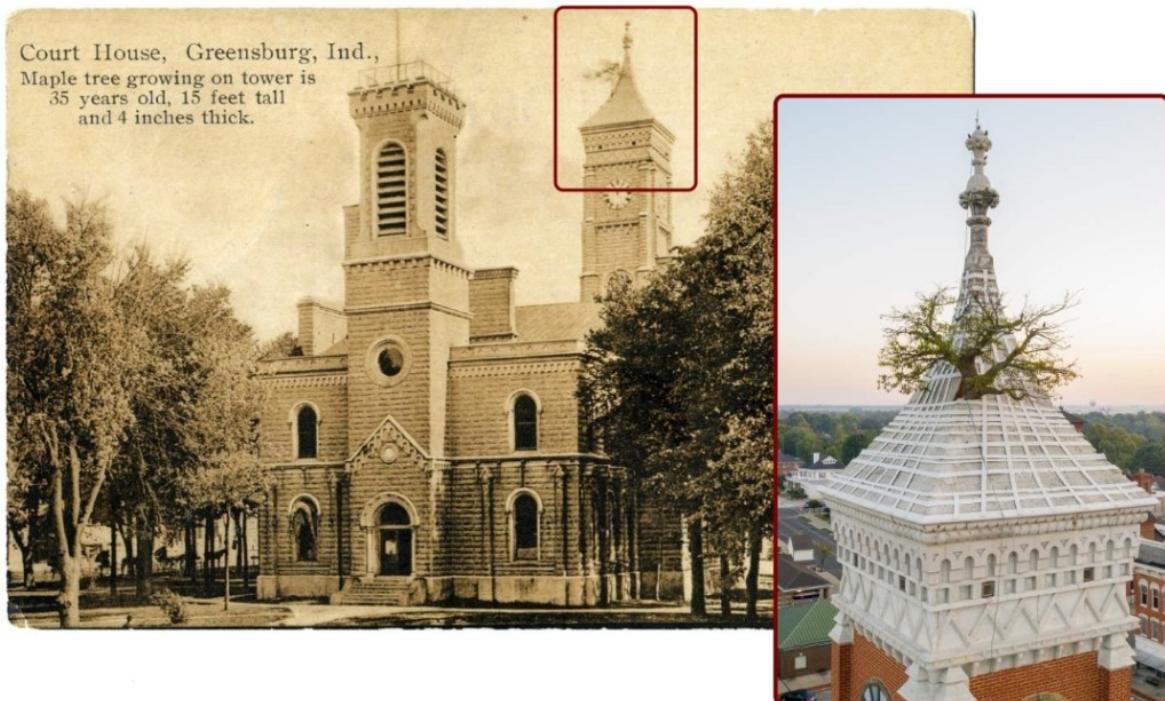
## Greensburg, Decatur County, Indiana

About 1890, George and Eliza moved to Greensburg, in Decatur County, Indiana. Decatur is the county just north of Ripley County.

Greensburg was a growing town, with a population around 4,000 in the 1890s. It was located on the Michigan Road, so it was on the route from the Ohio River to Indianapolis.



Greensburg was famous then, as it is now, for the tree growing from the Decatur County Courthouse roof. There have been several subsequent trees since the 1890s, but a tree has always been growing there.



Decatur County Courthouse – Greensburg, Indiana

## Close to kin

Eliza Archibald Burton had a younger sister Annabelle. Annabelle had married William Conley in 1861, but William died in 1864.

In 1865, Annabelle married George Burton's brother Allen. So there were two Burton brothers married to two Archibald sisters. I believe George and Eliza moved to Greensburg because Allen and Annabelle were living there. Both families settled on North Broadway, just a few houses apart.



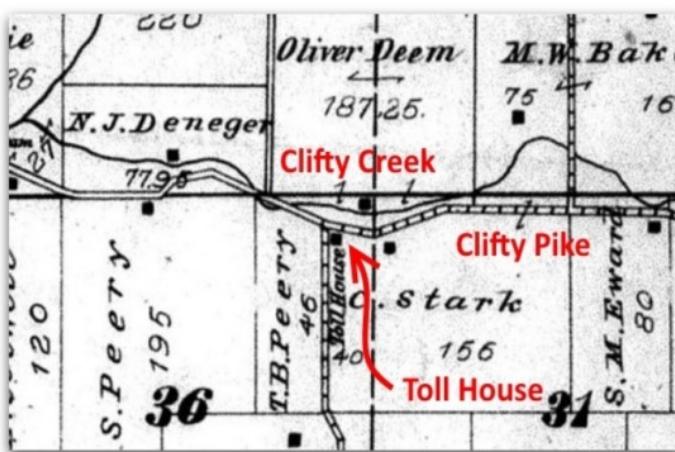
Greensburg, Indiana – c. 1900

## Workaday

George had been listed as a farm laborer in the earlier censuses. His brother Allen was a farm laborer and dray driver (freight wagon driver).

In 1892, George got appointed as the gate keeper on the Clifty Pike, a toll road. Probably less physical than a farm laborer job. After all, George was then age 57.

<b>ported Soups.</b>	J. H. Christian has purchased the interest of the Smawiley heirs in the grocery business of the firm previously known as Smawiley & Dilks.
PLACE :	John Lee called and renewed his subscription Monday and informed us that he and his son Clint had both been down with severe attacks of la grippe and were now just able to get about.
<b>ILLE &amp; CO.,</b>	George Burton, who lived on North Broadway, has been appointed gate keeper on the Clifty pike, three miles this side of Milford, near Oliver Deems, and moved yesterday and took charge of the gate.
Telephone No. 115.	James McLaughlin has had a relapse of the la grippe and is quite sick again.
Gripe items are very accessible and numerous these days.	Mrs. George Saline, who lived beyond Millhouseen, died on last Sunday.
Mrs. George Saline, who lived beyond Millhouseen, died on last Sunday.	Barney Feldman, a prominent citizen of Marion township, was here on business Monday.
The La (Louisiana) grippe has left its native heath and is reaching out after the denizens of the north pole.	The La (Louisiana) grippe has left its native heath and is reaching out after the denizens of the north pole.

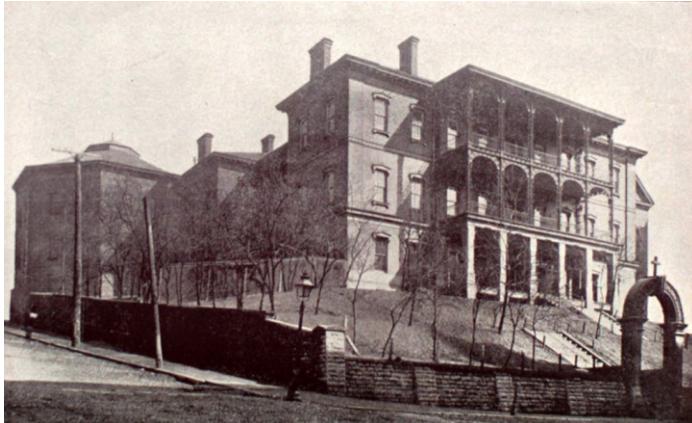


Greensburg New Era – January 20, 1892

## Life in Greensburg 1890s

In 1890s, Eliza and George were in their 60s. Their children were grown. Daughter Lillie never married or left home, so she was living with her parents in her 20s.

Eliza had a few bouts of poor health. In 1894, she was sent to Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. She recovered. And despite repeated bouts, she continued to live a long life in Greensburg.



Good Samaritan Hospital – Cincinnati – 1896

The store-room of S. H. Morris has been treated to a new coat of paint and paper and has been thoroughly refitted with natural gas light fixtures, and is now the lightest and brightest place in Greensburg in which to buy dry goods.

It will be of interest to many to learn that word has been received here that Mrs. George Burton who was sent to the Good Samaritan hospital several weeks ago, is improving rapidly, enjoying her meals, and is thought to be on the highway to recovery by her nurse and physicians.

A protest against the appointment of J. W. Spear as postmaster at Alert, has been received at Washington. It is signed by eighteen persons, male and female, only eight of whom are democrats, and only two of these get mail at Alert; one nobody at Alert ever heard of, and seven do not live in this county. Pretty protest, that.

*Greensburg New Era – January 31, 1894*

## And death

George Burton died in 1897. He was 62.

Largest package—greatest economy.

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY,  
Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston, Philadelphia.

George Burton aged about sixty years, died of pneumonia at his residence on north Broadway this morning.

Col. J. N. Waddington returned to his duties in Cincinnati this morning after spending Sunday here with friends.

Mrs. Mary Thomson, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Siling, left this morning for her home in Portsmouth, O.

Mrs. Sarah Wiggins, of the Ing-

and squeezed the life out of that student's body.—Rochester Herald.

The Martinsville branch of the Big Four has been greatly improved of late. It is now well ballasted and laid with a sixty pound rail, the company using the best rails taken up on the main line, where an eighty pound to the yard rail was laid.

It is unpleasant to hear that Congressman Hardy of the second district insulted the member from Massachusetts the other day, but it is quite pleasant to know that Mr.

*Greensburg New Era – February 24, 1897*

## Newton Jarvis and Anna Burton (2G)

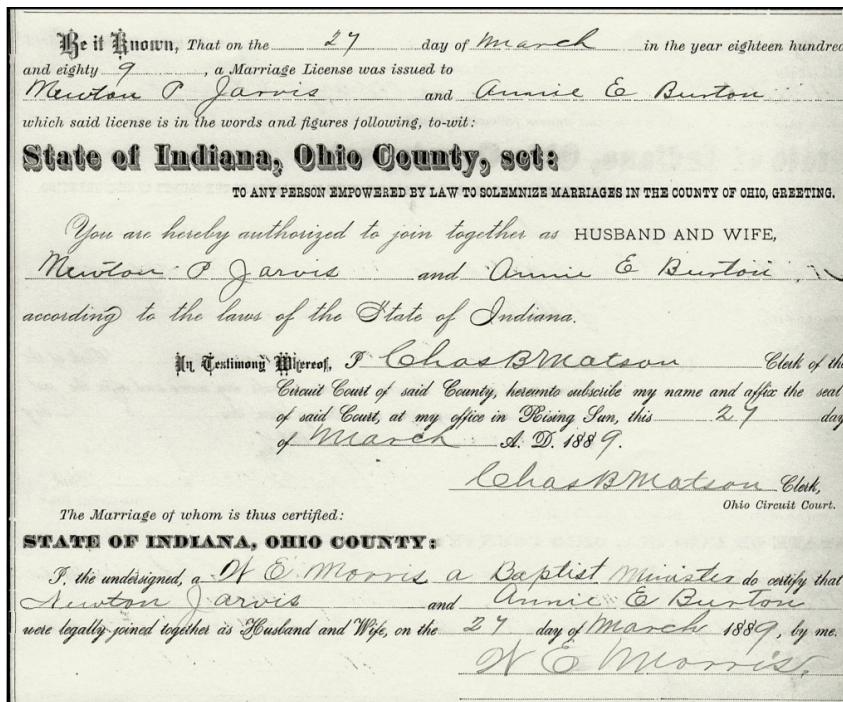
In the summer of 1887, Sarah Beaty Jarvis died. Newton became a widower at age 31. He had two daughters – Arminta, age 10, and Myrtle, age 5.



*Widower with two daughters*

## Newton and Anna married

On March 27, 1889 Newton married Anna Elizabeth Burton. Anna was age 19. She was 14 years younger than Newton, who was 33.



*Marriage license – Newton Jarvis and Anna Burton – 1889*

## And they had children



On February 17, 1890, Elmer E. Jarvis was born to Newton and Anna. Another son Thomas Edwin was born on November 18, 1891.

Our grandparent Ralph Hayden Jarvis (1G) was born August 16, 1894.

A daughter Opal was born in 1899. Sadly, Opal died in 1902 at age 3.

Birth Information		<a href="#">Print Birth Certificate</a>	
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Number 1859	Book	2	
Birthcode LE	Page	5	
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Birth Place SWITZERLAND CO., IN	Hour	0	Zone
Birth Date 08/16/1894	Sex	MALE	
Birth Order 3	Birth type	SINGLE	
Attending Name D.N. HAYDON	Midwife		
Attending Address SUGAR BRANCH	Doctor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Date sign Weeks	Lbs	0	Ozs
	Ozs	0	Inches
Father's Name JARVIS, NEWTON	Mother's Name	BURTON, ?	
Father's Birth Place INDIANA	Mother's Birth Place	INDIANA	
Father's Occupation FARMER	Mother's Child	3	
Father's Age 38	Mother's Age	0	
Father's Race WHITE	Mother's Race	WHITE	

*Birth Certificate reprint – Ralph H Jarvis – Sugar Branch, Indiana – 1894*

## Ralph Hayden Jarvis (1G)

Ralph was born August 16, 1894 in Sugar Branch, Switzerland County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child of his mother, Anna Burton Jarvis. His father, Newton, was listed as a farmer. Newton was age 38.



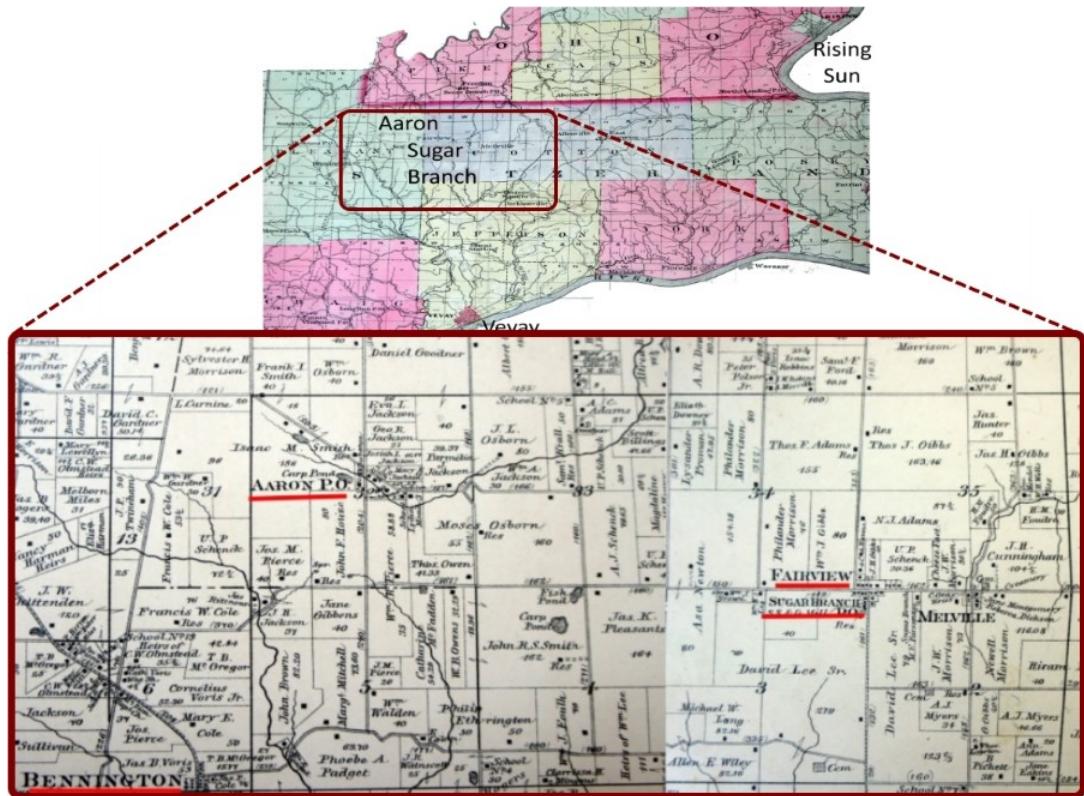
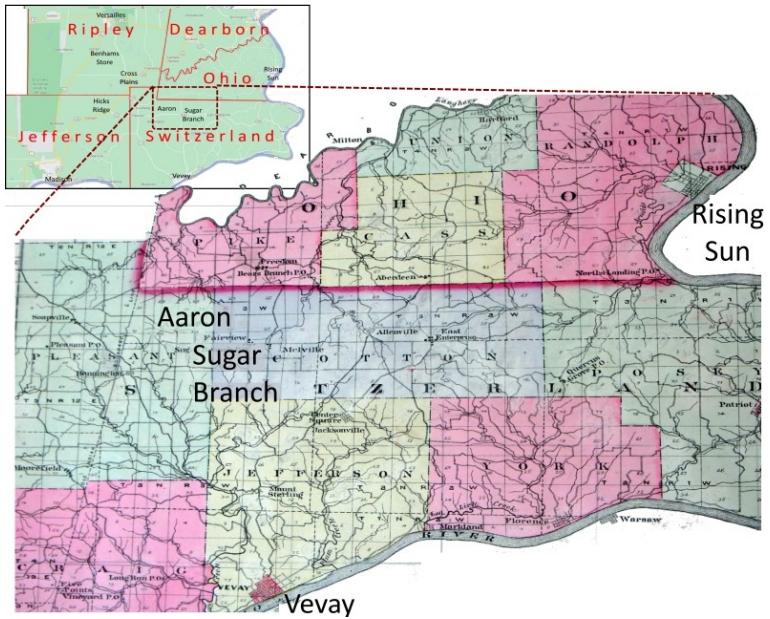
*Ralph Jarvis - c. 1897 - age 3*

## Aaron and Sugar Branch

Newton and Anna Jarvis were living around Aaron and Sugar Branch, in Switzerland County. Some of the citations list Sugar Branch, others list Aaron.

I haven't found land records, so I don't know exactly where they were living. I think they were living on the same property, perhaps even the same household, with Newton's brother Charles and his family.

Charles had married Anna Adams in 1879, the same year Newton had married Sarah Beaty. Charles and Anna had seven children during the 1880s and 1890s. Charles is listed in the census as a farmer, but later in life became a salesman for farm equipment.



## The news from Sugar Branch

In Vevay, the county seat of Switzerland County, there were as many as three newspapers in town. Most county seat towns had a newspaper. These papers had correspondents in the smaller towns like Cross Plains and Sugar Branch and Aaron to report on local happenings and gossip.

Here are some of the happenings in the year 1898:

*Aaron – Mr. and Mrs. Newton Jarvis and little son Ralph spent Sunday with Mrs. Eliza Billings.*

*Vevay Reveille – April 28, 1898*

*Aaron – Mrs. Newton Jarvis has been quite poorly but is improving.*

*Cross Plains – John P. Jarvis is having a large and commodious porch built in front of the post office which will be quite a convenience to the public.*

*Vevay Reveille – June 23, 1898*

*Cross Plains – The ice cream supper at Milton Jarvis's, near town, was one of the most pleasant events of the summer.*

*Cross Plains – Sam Jarvis, who went into business at Fairview a short time ago, reports trade good.*

*Vevay Reveille – July 28, 1898*

*Sugar Branch – Miss Myrtle Jarvis was the guest of relatives here Sunday.*

*Vevay Reveille – December 29, 1898*

*Sugar Branch – Miss Gertrude Jarvis is at Ghent, Ky., where she is taking a course of music lessons.*

*Vevay Reveille – January 12, 1899*

*Cross Plains – The next one to be happy is M.S. Jarvis. It is a girl.*

*Sugar Branch – Mr. Sam Jarvis, of Friendship, was visiting relatives here a few days last week.*

*Vevay Reveille – January 12, 1899*

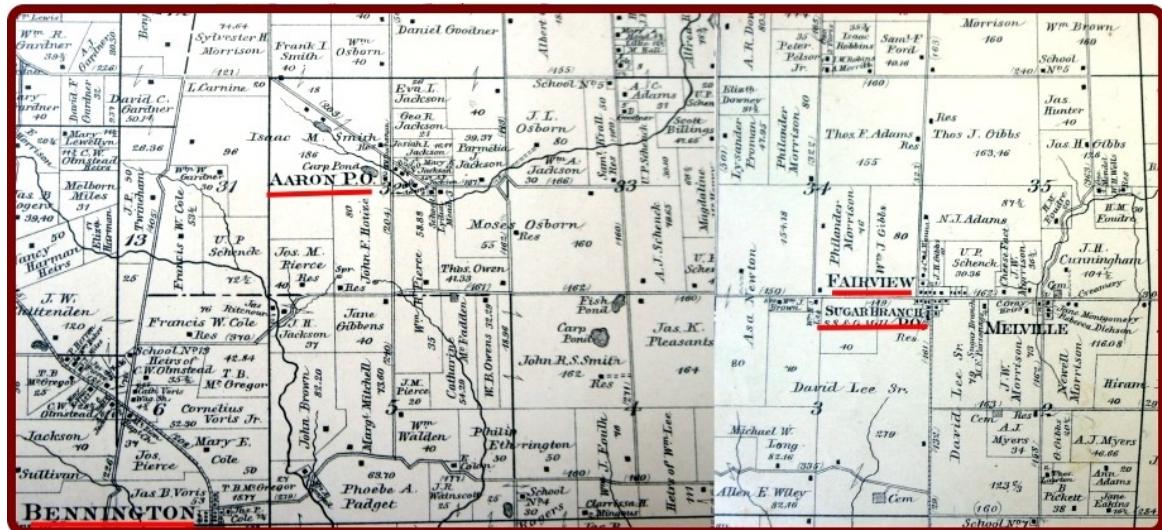


## Timeline 1890s

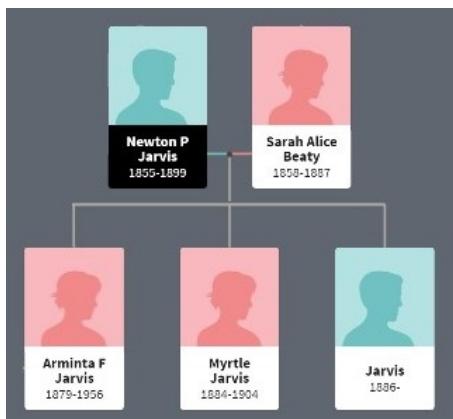
Year	Event
1890	Elmer E Jarvis born to Newton and Anna (2G) in Switzerland County IN
1890	US population is 63 million, increase of 25.5% over 1880
1890	Battle of Wounded Knee, SD is last major battle of the Indian wars
1890	Idaho is admitted as the 43rd state
1890	Wyoming is admitted as the 44th state
1891	Thomas Edwin Jarvis born to Newton and Anna (2G) Switzerland County IN
1891	Wrigley Company of Chicago opens, sells soap, baking powder, chewing gum
1891	Carnegie Hall first performance, guest conductor is Tchaikovsky
1891	James Naismith invents game of basketball, later coach at Kansas University
1891	First public showing of motion picture by Edison
1892	George Burton (3G) appointed gate keeper on Clifty Pike toll road
1892	Ellis Island opens, is main east coast immigration center, open until 1954
1892	First Pledge of Allegiance, marks 400th anniversary of Columbus Day
1894	Ralph Hayden Jarvis (1G) born to Newton and Anna (2G) Switzerland County
1894	Eliza Burton (3G) in Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, but recovered
1895	First US Patent for automobile to George Selden for his two-stroke engine
1896	First modern Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. 13 nations participated
1896	Gold discovered in Alaska, setting up Klondike Gold Rush
1896	Utah is admitted as the 45th state
1897	George W Burton (3G) dies at age 63 in Greensburg, Indiana
1897	First subway in US opens in Boston
1897	First Boston Marathon run with 15 runners, won by John McDermott
1898	Battleship Maine sunk in Havana harbor incites Spanish-American War
1898	United States annexes independent republic of Hawaii
1899	Opal B Jarvis born to Newton and Anna (2G) Switzerland County Indiana
1899	Newton P Jarvis (2G) died April 4 Sugar Branch Switzerland County IN age 43
1899	Anna Burton Jarvis (2G) moved family to Greensburg, IN to live with mother
1900	US population is nearly 76 million
1900	Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G) living in Rising Sun, Ohio County, IN

# Newton Got Pneumonia

In 1899, Newton and Anna had been married for ten years. They were living near Aaron and Sugar Branch in Switzerland County.



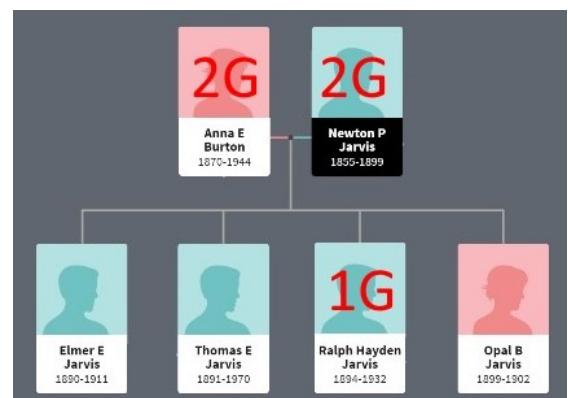
Aaron and Sugar Branch – Switzerland County, Indiana



Newton's daughters from his first marriage to Sarah were Arminta and Myrtle. Arminta, 20, was living in Cincinnati. Myrtle, 15, may have been living with grandparents Joseph and Martha in Rising Sun.

Newton and Anna's sons were Elmer, 10, Tom 9, and Ralph 6. Daughter Opal had just been born January 26, 1899.

Newton's brother Charles and his family were living nearby.



## News and gossip

The local newspaper gossip columns reported normal family events to begin the year 1899.

*"M.S. Jarvis is running a saw mill for Ed. Day at Correct."* – Vevay Reveille – January 19, 1899

*"Miss Arminta Jarvis, of Cincinnati, came home last week to spend a few days with relatives."* – March 2, 1899

*"Miss Myrtle Jarvis called on Mr. Sellers one day last week."* – Vevay Reveille – March 16, 1899

## But there were concerns...

People were getting sick.



*"Miss Gertrude Jarvis has a severe attack of the grip."* – Vevay Reveille – February 16, 1899

*"Little Ralph Jarvis is very sick with pneumonia."* – Vevay Reveille – March 9, 1899

*"Otto Jarvis died Saturday, April 29, aged 36 years. He never was very stout and had been sick since early spring."* Vevay Reveille – May 4, 1899

*"Mrs. Burton has returned to her home in Greensburg, called there by the illness of her daughter."* – Vevay Reveille – May 25, 1899

## The Grip

The grip is another name for influenza. There was an outbreak in 1899. A lot of people were getting sick.

*After a respite of more than 50 years, pandemic influenza struck twice near the end of the nineteenth century, in 1889-1890 and again in 1899-1900.*

*Emerging Infections: Pandemic Influenza – The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health*

*The outbreak of grippe in the winter of 1899 was much more widespread. It had apparently started before Christmas 1898. In the first issue of the Normal-Eye for the new year, the staff posed the question and offered advice:*

*"Have you had the Grippe? If you haven't, 1st, be careful, 2nd, be careful.  
If you have, just keep on being careful." ("Have you had the grippe?", 1899)*

*Getting Sick at School: Influenza and Other Illnesses at UNI, 1876-2009 – University of Northern Iowa*

### Catarrh, Bronchitis La Grippe

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#### Medicated Dry Air

Efficient in all disorders of the respiratory tract. Cures Sore Throat, Hay Fever, Asthma, Headache, and Deafness, when caused by catarrh, and prevents the dreaded

#### LA GRIPPE

No sprays, vapors, douches, simply medicated dry air, agreeable and a positive cure. Complete outfit, atomizer and Vaporium, for 6 months' treatment

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Try it ten days, and if not satisfactory return it and your money will be refunded. References: any bank in Battle Creek.

VAPORIUM CO., 86 W. Main St.  
Battle Creek, Mich.

Cures for Catarrh, Bronchitis & La Grippe, ca 1900

## La Grippe

By Barbara Schock

The title doesn't refer to a secret handshake. It is the name used for influenza in the 1890s.

In the February 1, 1899, issue of the Galesburg Evening Mail, the City Health Officer, Dr. Chalmers, was quoted by a reporter as saying there was an epidemic of influenza in town. It was the most serious occurrence in the past several years. He also said it was due to atmospheric conditions and it was causing much suffering in the lower classes.

## Newton died

Perhaps Newton caught the virus from his son Ralph, who was infected in March.

People with influenza may develop complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma flare-ups, acute respiratory distress, etc. For older adults and people with a chronic illness, pneumonia can be deadly.

Newton developed complications, and died of pneumonia early Tuesday morning, April 4, 1899. He was 43.

Newton Jarvis died very sudden Tuesday morning, five o'clock. He had been dangerously ill with pneumonia but was improving. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all. His parents and his brother George, of Rising Sun, and his two sisters, of Cincinnati, were at his bedside during his illness.

Miss Bessie Houze, who has been attending school at Vevay, spent Easter with home folks.

Mrs M F Gardner, who has been very sick, we are glad to say, is much better. Mrs Brindley and wife, of Craig, Mrs Gardner's aunt, has been with her during her recent illness.

Miss Mollie Steele is the happy possessor of a fine new Waverly wheel.

Theodore Wells passed through here recently getting the right of way for the telephone line.

Mrs Anna Morgan, of Moorefield has been the guest of her sister, Mrs D N Haydon, the past week.

John Vinup is quite sick—typhoid fever is feared.

Miss Flora Lee made a business trip to Petersburg, Kentucky, recently.

Earl Heath returned to Franklin last Saturday.

Miss Anna Peabody has returned home after spending several months at Elwood, Indiana.

Mr Meier, a returned Cuban soldier, is boarding at John Cunningham's.

Misses Flora Lee and Lou Vannatter are spending the week at Cincinnati in Samuel Ach's trimming room.

Bro Jerman preached an Easter sermon here last Sunday evening.

Joseph Jarvis, of Rising Sun, and his daughter, Mrs Ella Hawsworth, of Cincinnati, were the guests of Charles Jarvis and family last Sunday.

Vevay Reveille – April 6, 1899

Coincidentally, Newton's parents, brother George, and sisters Ella and Miranda were visiting from Rising Sun and Cincinnati. They were all at his bedside during his final days.

It's frustrating that we don't know where Newton was buried. It must be around Aaron or Sugar Branch. It's for one of you next-gen researchers to find.

## Mother came to help Anna

Eliza Burton came from Greensburg to stay with Anna and the children. But she had to return to Greensburg in May to help care for her daughter Rebecca. Sadly, Rebecca had continuing bouts of illness, and died in August 1900 of tuberculosis.

in the immediate neighborhood.

Mrs. Burton, of Greensburg, is spending several weeks with her daughter Mrs. Anna Jarvis.

Mrs. Eva Bailey and little daughter Lillie are visiting the former's sister Mrs. Anna Gribben. We regret to add Mrs. Baily is in very poor health.

Baby Rodolph Valentine, who was dangerously ill a short time ago, is much better.

Farmers have been making the best of the recent dry spell to get ground plowed for corn and sowing oats. Wheat and rye give prospect for fair crops in this neighborhood.

Vevay Reveille – April 27, 1899

J. W. Gardner has gone to Illinois on a short visit to his daughter Mrs. Mollie Lewis and his son Jesse.

Miss Myrtle Jarvis, of Rising Sun, is visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Valentine were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Hattie Jackson, Sunday.

Mrs. Burton has returned to her home at Greensburg, called there by the illness of her daughter.

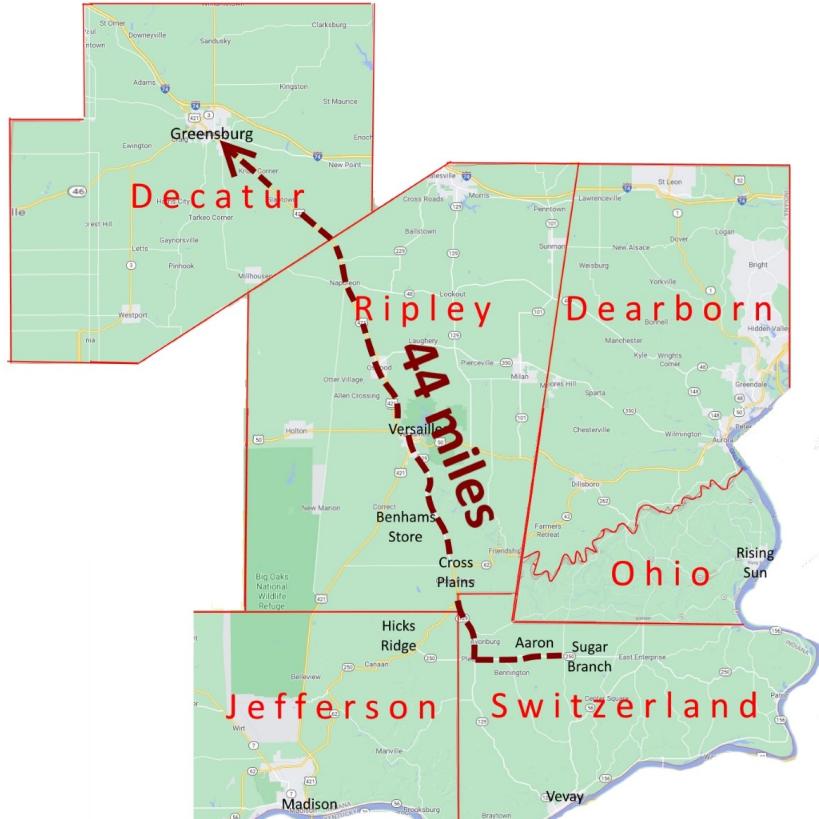
Farmers are very busy planting corn.

**Planters NUBIAN TEA** cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cts.

Vevay Reveille – May 1899

## A move to Greensburg

After weighing her options, Anna Jarvis decided that she needed sustained help from her family. She couldn't support her children on her own in Sugar Branch. She made the decision to move to her mother's home in Greensburg.



## Family Nibbles

### AARON.

Little Nora Lotshaw is very sick.  
Adda Marsh and family, of Canaan,  
were at W. R. Gardener's Sunday.

Chas. Wright, wife and daughter,  
of Craig, spent Saturday night and  
Sunday at, and near Aaron.

Mrs. Ann Jarvis and children will  
go to Greensburg soon and make  
their home there.

Misses Bertha and Myrtle Jarvis,  
of Rising Sun, are visiting friends and  
relatives at this place.

We have been having some heavy  
rain and wind storms recently.

Mr. John Martin took a fine large  
hog to Vevay last week, receiving 4c  
per pound. Ed. Shull, purchaser.

August 1, 1899

Lock spent Sunday with friends near  
Vevay.

Miss Bertha Jarvis, who has been  
visiting her aunt, Mrs. Anna Jarvis,  
has returned to her home in Rising  
Sun.

Little Nora Lotshaw is some better  
at this writing.

John Steele and wife spent Sunday  
with relatives near Rexville.

Mrs. E. S. Richards spent Sunday  
with Mr. Lotshaw and family.

Mr. Elva Clark and Miss Dora Noyes  
spent Monday and Tuesday with their  
cousins, Misses Mollie and Della  
Steele.

Mrs. Anna Jarvis will have a sale  
Monday, 28, and will remove with her  
family to Greensburg, Ind., to make  
that her home.

**Planters CUBAN OIL** cures  
Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism  
and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

August 24, 1899

### AARON.

Miss Grace Smith returned to her  
home in Kansas last week.

Mrs. Anna Jarvis removed to  
Greensburg last week.

We are expecting good roads this  
winter, as a number of men and  
teams are doing a great deal of work  
for that purpose.

Will Aare moved to our town Mon-  
day.

Prof. and Mrs. Vayhinger, of  
Moores Hill, called on relatives and  
passed through our burg Monday.

Your correspondent had the pleasure  
of listening to a grand, good ser-  
mon by Professor Vayhinger Sunday  
morning at the M. E. Church in Ben-  
nington.

Miss Myrtle Jarvis returned to Ris-  
ing Sun Tuesday.

Misses Frances and Susie Gardener  
spent last week with friends in Craig.

September, 1899

## 1899

1899 ended much differently than it had begun.

Newton had been widowed in 1887 when Sarah died. Now, twelve years later, Anna was widowed when Newton died. She had a family of four children, one of which was a baby less than a year old. Anna was age 29.

Her mother Eliza had been widowed two years earlier, when George Burton died in 1897. Anna and the kids would move in with Eliza. And there were extended family nearby; Eliza's sister and George's brother lived a few doors away and Anna's brother also lived in Greensburg.

In November 1899, Anna was earning money by taking in washing and sewing in Greensburg.

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**Thomas Prince, Clyda L. Meek, Proprietors**

Try our fruit cake, the best made,  
at Stegmaier's.

A long distance telephone has  
been placed in the Hotel DeAr-  
mond.

The Tourist Club's regular meet-  
ing will be on next Monday night  
at the home of Frank Bennett, of  
North Michigan Avenue.

All of John Zoellner's cakes are  
being sold very low now to intro-  
duce them, notwithstanding the  
raise in the price of butter and  
eggs.

The Missionary Circle of the  
Baptist church will meet on  
Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock  
at the church. Subject, "Work  
among the Negroes and Cubans."  
Everybody invited to attend this  
meeting.

"Jolly Lot" at the Grand  
night.

Sweet cider, extra good, at M.  
Covert's.

If you want something fresh in  
fine candies go to Stegmaier's.

**WANTED—Work;** will do plain  
sewing or washing.

ANNA JARVIS, North Broadway.

Big turkey lunch, with all the  
trimmings, at Carl Dannacher's,  
south side square, on Thanksgiv-  
ing eve (Wednesday).

The presidents of each depart-  
ment of the Epworth League of  
Centenary church requests every  
member to attend a committee  
meeting tonight at seven o'clock.

The Carson History Club has  
been organized for the benefit of  
the boys who attend the mission

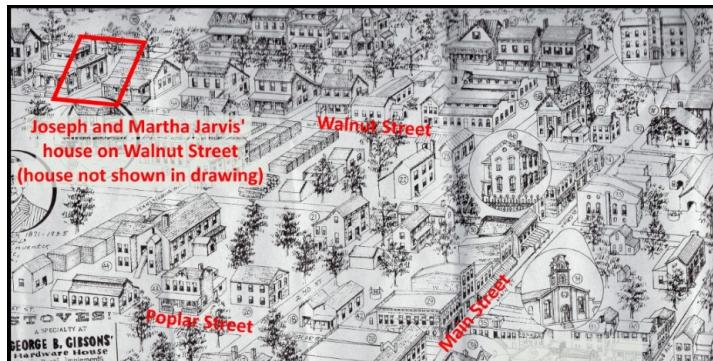
## Put 1899 behind

Let's get ready to ring in the new year and a new century – 1900. What's in store for the Jarvis families in the new century?



# Martha and Joseph (3G) 1900s

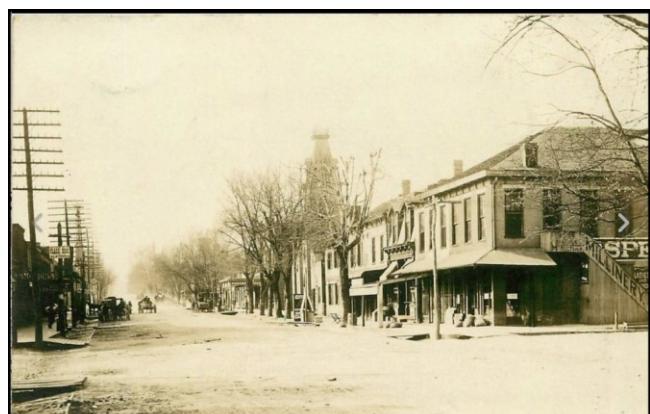
We last encountered Joseph and Martha Jarvis when they moved to Rising Sun in 1883. They had bought a lot and house on Walnut Street. Joseph made a living as a mason; he no longer farmed.



Rising Sun was an over-the-hill river port town, but it was a nice town to live in. Big enough for amenities, but not too big.



Ohio County Courthouse – Rising Sun – c 1910



Main Street looking west – Rising Sun – 1911



Street Fair – Rising Sun – 1905

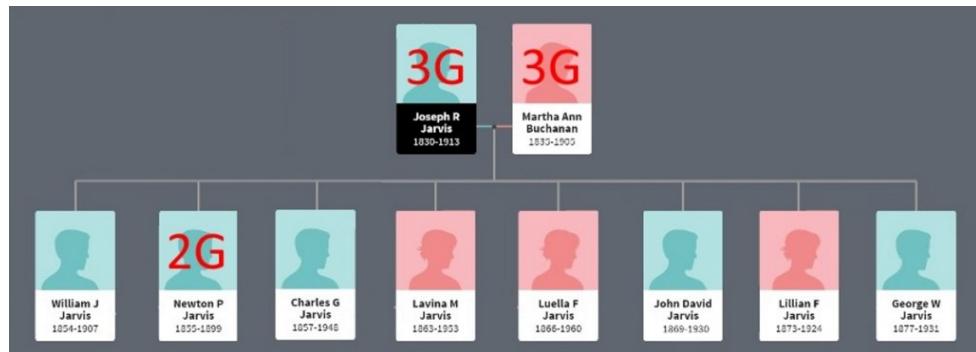
## Their family

Martha and Joseph had suffered the death of their son Newton in April 1899. It was their first loss of a child.

Newton had lived close to them, as Sugar Branch was only fifteen miles from Rising Sun. They had visited often and were in Sugar Branch during Newton's last days. Their son Charles also lived in Sugar Branch with his family.

Joseph and Martha's eldest son William and his family were living in Rising Sun. Son John and family were living in Rising Sun. And their youngest son George was living with them.

Their daughter Lillian was single and living in Cincinnati, as was their married daughter Luella. Lavina Miranda was married and living in Fairfield, Ohio, fifteen miles north of Cincinnati. They visited often.



## Their home

Joseph and Martha were living in their house on Walnut Street in Rising Sun. They had lived in their house for 17 years. Joseph was 69, Martha 64. Joseph's occupation was stone mason.



West Walnut Street – Rising Sun, Indiana – 2015

## Family Nibbles

# 1900 Census

The 1900 census shows who is living in the household.

## *Census – Joseph and Martha Jarvis – Rising Sun, I.*

Joseph and Martha's granddaughter Myrtle, 16, was living with them. Myrtle was one of Newton's two daughters with his first wife, Sarah Beaty Jarvis. Sarah had died in 1887, and Newton died in 1899.

At age 16, Myrtle didn't have any living parents. She was living with her grandparents. Sadly, Myrtle would die of tuberculosis in 1904, at age 20.

Joseph and Martha's youngest son George, 22, was still at home. George's occupation was plasterer. George was Newton's youngest brother, born in 1877.

George would become a popular citizen around Rising Sun, serving as the county sheriff for several years. George died in 1931.

## SHERIFF GEO. W. JARVIS DIES IN CHRIST HOSPITAL

George W. Jarvis, aged 55, sheriff of Ohio county and one of its most popular residents died in Christ hospital, Cincinnati, today (Thursday). ~

Mr. Jarvis had not enjoyed the best of health for some time but, being of an optimistic nature, did not complain. On July 1 he was taken to the hospital and an operation was preformed. He returned to his home but, failing to recuperate, was again removed to the hospital last Thursday and underwent a major operation. Prior to and following the ordeal, blood transfusion was resorted to and for a time it appeared that he might recover but on Tuesday evening his condition grew worse and all hope of recovery was abandoned.

an hope of recovery was abandoned.

Mr. Jarvis was employed for a number of years by the Ohio River Telephone Co., here, having helped with the installation of this branch, and while there made many acquaintances and friends throughout the county. This together with his friendly and kindly disposition made him a general favorite.

Some years ago he served two terms as sheriff of the county and was serving a third term at the time of his death.

Surviving are his widow and devoted companion, Mrs. Laura Jarvis, two sisters, Mrs. Louella Thompson of Covington, Ky., and Mrs. W. N. Manser of Hamilton, O., and one brother, Charles Jarvis of Chisman, Ill.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

## Martha died in 1905

Martha Ann Buchanan Jarvis died on November 23, 1905 at Rising Sun, Indiana. She was a few weeks short of her 70th birthday.

Death Register – Martha A Jarvis – 1905

PLACE OF DEATH.		Indiana State Board of Health.	
County of <u>Pike</u>		Record Number <u>303</u>	
Town of <u>Rising Sun</u>			
City of <u>Rising Sun</u>			
No. _____	St. _____		
Ward. _____	Full Name <u>Martha A Jarvis</u>		
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.	
Sex <u>Female</u>	Color <u>White</u>	Date of Death <u>Nov 23</u>	Year <u>1905</u>
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced, <u>Married</u>	Name of Husband <u>Joseph R Jarvis</u>	I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Nov 23, 1905</u> to <u>Nov 23, 1905</u> , that I last saw <u>her</u> alive on <u>Nov 23, 1905</u> , that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>10 o'clock P.M.</u> To the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as follows:	
Date of Birth <u>Dec 18, 1835</u>	Month. <u>Year.</u>	Chief Cause <u>Gall stone</u>	Duration <u>Several years</u>
Age <u>69</u> years, <u>11</u> months, <u>8</u> days.	Occupation <u>Housewife</u>	Immediate Cause <u>Peritonitis</u>	Duration <u>3 days</u>
Birthplace <u>Indiana</u>	(State or Country.)	(Signed) <u>D. W. Richardson M.D.</u>	1905 (Address) <u>Rising Sun</u>
Place of Death <u>Rising Sun</u>	Name of Father <u>Joseph R Jarvis</u>	SPECIAL INFORMATION ONLY FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS.	
Name of Mother <u>Elizabeth</u>	Birthplace of Father <u>Indiana</u>	Former or usual Residence	How long at Place of death _____ days.
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Elizabeth</u>	Birthplace of Mother <u>Indiana</u>	Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?	
The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
(INFORMANT) <u>Lillian Johnson</u>		Place of Burial or Removal <u>Rising Sun</u>	Proposed date of Burial <u>Nov 26, 1905</u>
(Address) <u>Cincinnati, O</u>		Kind of Paper <u>Steel</u>	Address <u>Rising Sun</u>
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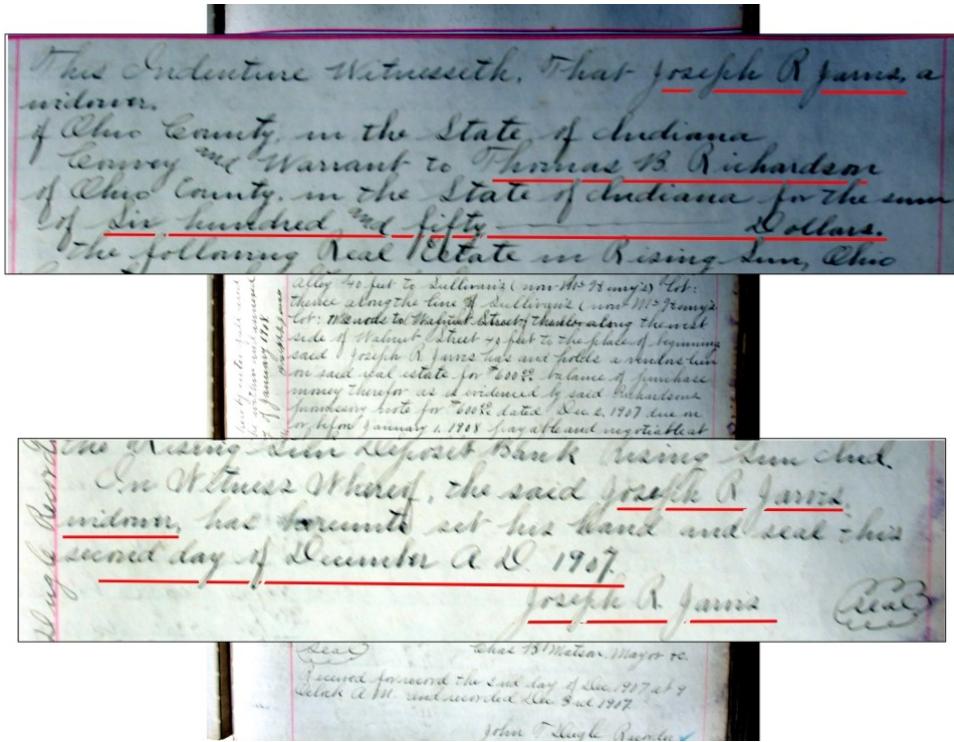
## Joseph sold the house

Martha had died in 1905. Joseph remained in the house in Rising Sun, living with his son William and William's son Melvin. William's wife Nancy had died in 1902. Unfortunately, William died in 1907. And Melvin died a year later in 1908, age 22. And Joseph's granddaughter Myrtle had died in 1904. It must have been difficult years for Joseph.

After William died, Joseph sold the house and lot in Rising Sun in December 1907. Joseph and Martha had lived in their house in Rising Sun for over 20 years, since 1883.

He sold to Thomas Richardson for \$650 and carried the mortgage for a year. The deed says, "Joseph R Jarvis, widower, has hereunto set his hand and seal this second day of December A.D. 1907." The reference to "widower" may be because a person can't sell property without spousal consent.

## Family Nibbles

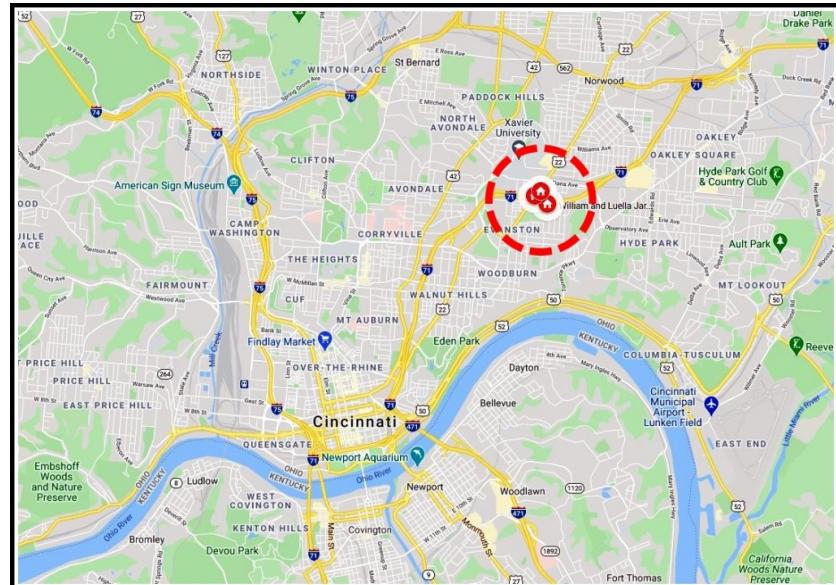


Everything worked out, and the mortgage was paid at the end of the next year.

## A move to Cincinnati

After Joseph sold his place in Rising Sun, he moved to Cincinnati into the household of his daughter Luella in 1908.

Luella Florence Jarvis had married at age 34 to William H Thomson, a widower. William and Luella lived at 3528 Hudson, not far from Fire Co. No. 39 where William was the captain.



## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920



In 1912, Joseph Jarvis had an apartment at Montgomery Road and Clarion Avenue, across the street from Fire Co. No. 39. In 1913, he moved to another apartment a few blocks south.

## Fire Co. No. 39

William Thomson was the fire department captain of Cincinnati Fire Co. No. 39.



William Thomson



Cincinnati Fire Co. No. 39 station – Montgomery Road and Clarion Ave – c. 1914 and today

## Family Nibbles

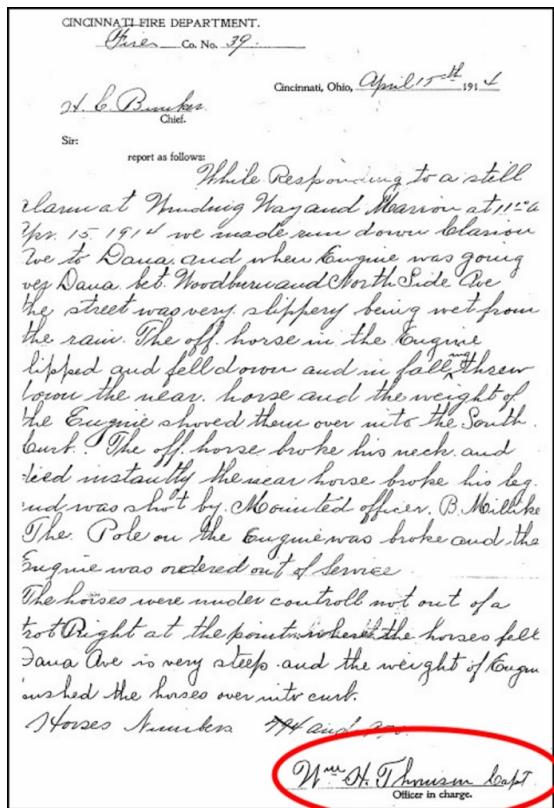
In the early 1910s, the company still relied on horse-drawn steamer wagons. Here's an interesting story:

*Firemen at Engine Company 39 were looking forward to lunch. The bells rang above the joker stand as an alarm of fire was taken. The horses, Bull and Roxie, rushed forward to their harnesses and the doors of the house flung open. Snaps were fastened and the men jumped aboard. In seconds, the engine was off, tearing across Montgomery Road and down Clarion Avenue. Rain had been falling steadily making the roads treacherous.*

*Suddenly, as the engine swerved to the right turning onto Winding Way, Bull slipped and fell causing Roxie to be tossed to the ground as well. The animals let out a terrible cry. The weight of the engine tossed the horses into the curb with the engine coming to rest on Bull whose neck was broken. He was killed instantly.*

*A mounted police officer arrived and euthanized Roxie with his pistol. Chief Bunker notified a police detective that two boys had been witnessed running from the college just as smoke was seen.*

*Hills & Winding Roads Prove Deadly in Steamer Accident – Cincinnati Fire Department History*



Here's Captain William Thomson's official report of the accident:

## CRASH

**Of Fire Engine Against Pole Injures Driver and Kills Horses—Incendiary Suspected.**

Frank J. Voellmocke, driver of Engine Company 39, was seriously injured yesterday, Roxie and Bull, fire horses, were killed and a blaze to which the apparatus was going gained such a start that it caused considerable damage when the engine skidded and turned over at Winding Way and Dana avenues shortly before noon.

## Joseph died in 1913

Joseph R Jarvis died on May 14, 1913 in Cincinnati. He was age 82. I don't know the cause of death.

Ohio, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018 for Joseph R Jarvis										
CODE	COUNTY	LAST	FIRST	I	OF DEATH	VOLUME	CERTIFICATE	MO.	DAY	YR.
50	MAHONING	JARVIS	IDELLA			1551	03957	01	09	15
73	SCIOTO	JARVIS	JAMES			1847	06872	01	08	16
64	PERRY	JARVIS	JAMES	R		1378	30585	05	29	14
85	WAYNE	JARVIS	JOHN			1332	19132	03	25	14
83	WARREN	JARVIS	JOSEPH	C		1424	42057	07	18	14
31	HAMILTON	JARVIS	JOSEPH	R		1077	28385	05	14	13
75	SCIOTO	JARVIS	KATE			1062	24711	04	19	13
40	JACKSON	JARVIS	MAGGIE	M		1949	32412	05	21	16
18	CUYAHOGA	JARVIS	MARIE	R		1943	30860	05	12	16
18	CUYAHOGA	JARVIS	MARY			1707	42757	08	11	15

## Buried together in Rising Sun

Joseph and Martha are buried in Cedar Hedge Cemetery in Rising Sun, Indiana.



Joseph and Martha Jarvis



(enhanced lettering)



Ground marker "Father"

## Family Nibbles

I assume that Joseph arranged for their headstone when Martha died in 1905, because his birth date is included but not his death date. There's a small ground marker next to the headstone that reads "Father" that was added when Joseph died.

There are a few more markers of interest...



William J Jarvis 1853-1907  
Joseph and Martha's son  
Newton's older brother



Nancy (Ricketts) Jarvis 1855-1902  
William J Jarvis' wife



Melvin Jarvis 1886-1908 William J and  
Nancy Jarvis' son



Nancy, William, and Melvin Jarvis (foreground)  
Cedar Hedge Cemetery, Rising Sun, Indiana

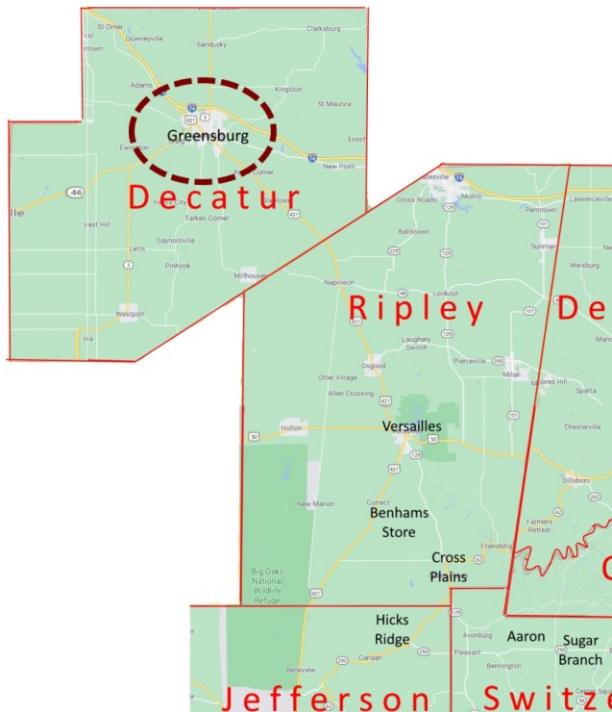
I'm intrigued by Melvin Jarvis. After all, that's my father's name. Melvin was Ralph Jarvis' cousin, eight years his senior. Do you suppose that when Ralph Jarvis was choosing a name for his son that he honored his cousin Melvin, who had died at a young age? We'll never know, but it's tempting to think it's true. I've found no other Jarvis named Melvin.

## Greensburg Days 1900s

Newton Jarvis had died in April 1899. Anna Burton Jarvis was age 29 and had four children – three boys ages 9, 7, and 4, and a baby girl, Opal, less than a year old.



Mother with children – c 1900



By September 1899, Anna had settled her affairs in Sugar Branch and moved with her four children to Greensburg in Decatur County. There they moved into the household of her mother Eliza Burton.

Eliza's husband George Burton had died in 1897, so there were two adult women and four children in the household.

## Family Nibbles

Income was likely a daily concern. In November 1899, we find classified ads in the newspaper where Anna was doing washing and sewing.

**"Jolly Lot" at the Grand tonight.**

**Sweet cider, extra good, at M. Covert's.**

**If you want something fresh in fine candies go to Stegmaier's.**

**WANTED—Work; will do plain sewing or washing.**

**ANNA JARVIS, North Broadway.**

**Big turkey lunch, with all the trimmings, at Carl Dannacher's, south side square, on Thanksgiving eve (Wednesday).**

**The presidents of each denart-**

## A new century begins 1900

The 1900 census for Decatur County was enumerated June 4, 1900, just a year after Newton died.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.											B
State Indiana County Decatur			SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.								Supervisor's District No. 4 Enumeration District No. 62
Township or other division of county Washington			Name of Institution,								Sheet 5 2
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Greensburg, Indiana			Ward of city,								3
Enumerated by me on the fourth day of June, 1900, Hilda C. Dilts, Enumerator.											76
LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	NATIVITY	CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR BUSINESS	EDUCATION	WEEKS OF WORK			
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			more than one family in the house								
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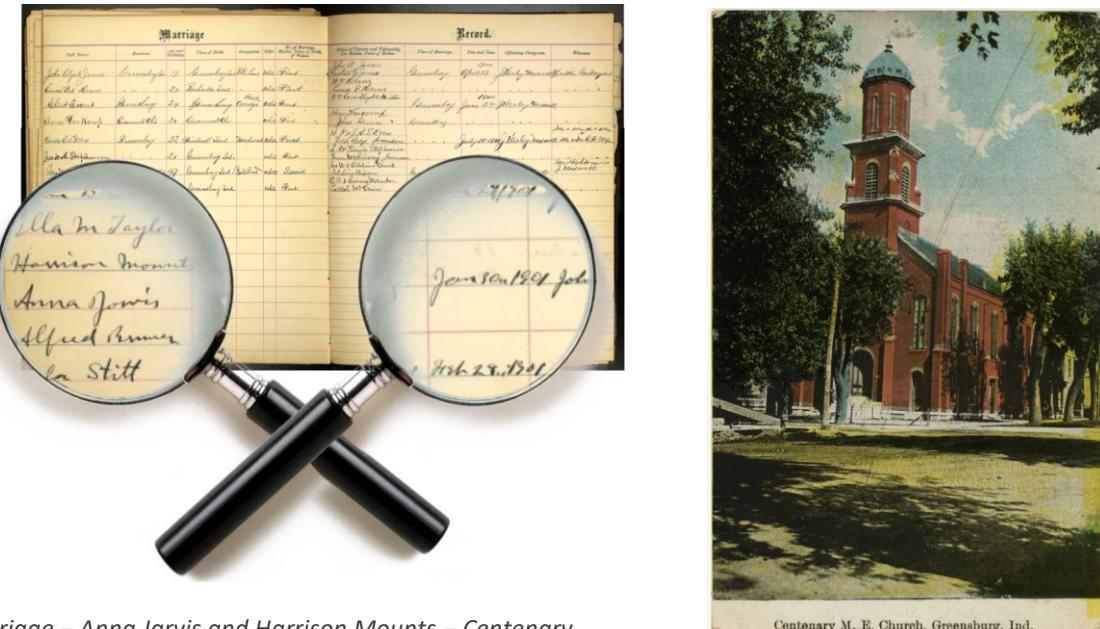
Census – Eliza Burton and Anna Jarvis – Decatur County, Indiana – 1900

The census shows Eliza Burton's household on North Broadway, including daughter Anna, 30, Elmer, 10, Tommie, 8, Ralph, 5, and Opal 1. Anna's occupation is listed as Common Laborer. The two oldest boys are attending school.

Eliza's brother Allen Burton was living just a few houses away, also on North Broadway. His wife Bell and daughter Lillie are in his household. Allen is a farm laborer.

## Anna married Harrison Mounts 1901

Anna Burton Jarvis (2G) married Harrison Mounts on January 30, 1901 at the Centenary Methodist Church in Greensburg.



*Marriage – Anna Jarvis and Harrison Mounts – Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church – January 30, 1901*



*Centenary M.E. Church, Greensburg, Ind.*

Anna and Harrison were the same age – 30. Harrison was called Harry. He was born and raised in Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cotton Township. That's the same township as Sugar Branch. So maybe Anna knew Harry around Aaron and Sugar Branch.

Harry moved to Greensburg as a young man, so perhaps that's where Anna met him.

## Harrison was a house painter

Harrison is listed in the census as a house painter. That's corroborated by this 1903 story.

<p>Saturday morning Harrison Mounts who was painting on East Main street fell from a tall step ladder; the whole scaffold falling, badly hurting him. He was taken to his home on North Broadway, where medical aid was summoned. He was badly bruised but not dangerously hurt and will be out in a few days.</p> <p>Dr. Andrew G. Selman died at his home in Indianapolis Friday at the age of 81 years. He lived in this city</p>	<p>and George Vincent, to Portland, Or., where they will live with their father. They left last week, Mr. Schofield going as far as Indianapolis with them.</p> <p>Remember the Bee Hive for seed potatoes, Early Rose, Early Ohio, Triumph Six Weeks Sweet potatoes, yellow Jersey, Jersey Reds, Southern Queen, Bermudas. A full line of garden seeds in package and bulk. White, red, and yellow onion sets.</p>
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*Greensburg Standard – April 24, 1903*

## Harrison played baseball

Harrison was rather famous locally as a baseball player. He was the pitcher for the Greensburg Reds.



### Reds Strong as Ever.

The Greensburg fans are in fine spirits just now over the showing made by the Reds in the opening games of the season.

Sunday they played the first game with the Hyde Parks of Cincinnati and defeated them easily by a score of 9 to 2.

Tuesday they met the Lawrenceburgs, one of the strongest teams in Southern Indiana with Justis, a crack pitcher of the Southern League, pitted against them. Justis had a fine assortment of curves and shoots which were very exasperating to the Reds but they succeeded in solving a few of them, getting five hits off of him.

Harrison Mounts, the veteran Greensburg pitcher, officiated in the box for the Reds and his work compared favorably with Justis's.

There was not an idle moment during the progress of the game. Up to the eighth there was a suppressed silence that was broken by Mounts making a two-bagger and leading the way to victory.

The score: R. H. E.  
Law.— 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 5 4  
Reds— 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 3 5 3

Batteries—Justis and Kronbey; Mounts and Hunche. Strike outs, Justis, 9; Mounts, 7.

The Reds are stronger than ever at first and behind the bat while the other positions are well taken care of. The attendance was kept down to 300 by the showers. With favorable weather it would have been a thousand.

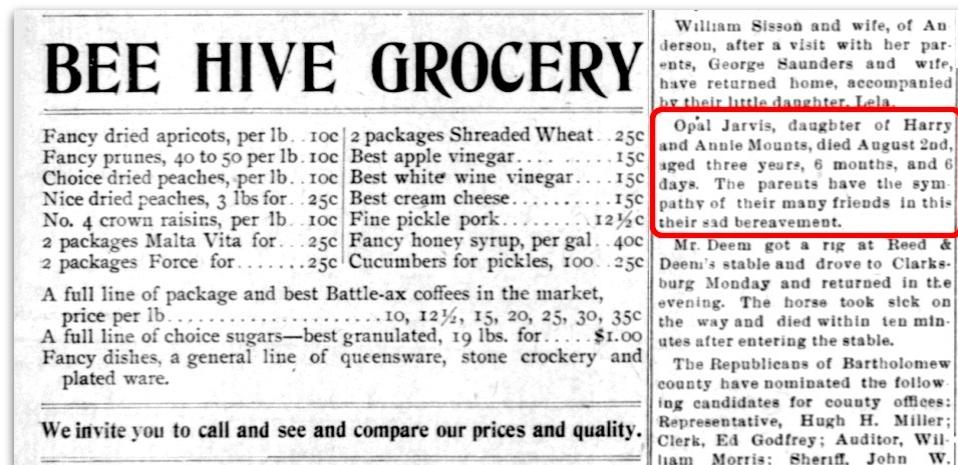
*Greensburg Standard – May 2, 1905*

## Anna's kids from Newton

When Anna married Harrison Mounts in 1901, her sons from first husband Newton were Elmer, 11, Tom, 10, and Ralph, 7.

	<b>Newton P Jarvis</b>
	1855-1899
	<b>Elmer E Jarvis</b>
	1890-1911
	<b>Thomas Edwin Jarvis</b>
	1891-1970
	<b>Ralph Hayden Jarvis</b>
	1894-1932
	<b>Opal B Jarvis</b>
	1899-1902

In the census, daughter Opal was 2. Sadly, Opal died on August 2, 1902. She was 3 years old.



**BEE HIVE GROCERY**

Fancy dried apricots, per lb.	.10c	2 packages Shredded Wheat	.25c
Fancy prunes, 40 to 50 per lb.	.10c	Best apple vinegar	.15c
Choice dried peaches, per lb.	.10c	Best white wine vinegar	.15c
Nice dried peaches, 3 lbs for	.25c	Best cream cheese	.15c
No. 4 crown raisins, per lb.	.10c	Fine pickle pork	.12½c
2 packages Malta Vita for	.25c	Fancy honey syrup, per gal.	.40c
2 packages Force for	.25c	Cucumbers for pickles, 100.	.25c

A full line of package and best Battle-ax coffees in the market, price per lb.....10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35c  
A full line of choice sugars—best granulated, 19 lbs. for.....\$1.00  
Fancy dishes, a general line of queensware, stone crockery and plated ware.

We invite you to call and see and compare our prices and quality.

William Sisson and wife, of Anderson, after a visit with her parents, George Saunders and wife, have returned home, accompanied by their little daughter, Lela.

Opal Jarvis, daughter of Harry and Annie Mounts, died August 2nd, aged three years, 6 months, and 6 days. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this their sad bereavement.

Mr. Deem got a rig at Reed & Deem's stable and drove to Clarksburg Monday and returned in the evening. The horse took sick on the way and died within ten minutes after entering the stable.

The Republicans of Bartholomew county have nominated the following candidates for county offices: Representative, Hugh H. Miller; Clerk, Ed Godfrey; Auditor, William Morris; Sheriff, John W.

Greensburg News – August 8, 1902

## Anna and Harrison Mounts have kids

	<b>Harrison Mounts</b>
	1870-1912
	<b>Lillard A Mounts</b>
	1901-1925
	<b>Alva H Mounts</b>
	1906-1972
	<b>Robert Bentle Mounts</b>
	1908-1972

Anna and Harrison married in 1901. In 1902 they had a son Lillard Mounts.

Another son Alva was born in 1906, and then Robert in 1908.

By 1908, there were six boys, from the eldest Elmer Jarvis, 18, to the youngest Robert Mounts, newly born. Both Anna and Harrison were age 38.

## Family Nibbles

# It's 1910

The 1910 census shows some interesting details:

*Census – Harrison and Anna Mounts – Greensburg, Indiana – 1910*

Harrison and Anna are listed, both age 39. Harrison's occupation is house painter.

The three Mounts sons are listed – Lillard, 8, Alva, 4, and Robert, 2. Lillard attended school in the last year.

Ralph Jarvis is listed, but as a nephew instead of a step-son. Oh well. Mistakes are common. Ralph's occupation is farm laborer. It's also listed that he did not attend school for the last year. He's age 15. So I'd guess that's the extent of his education and he won't be back in school.

Anna's two older sons, Elmer, 20, and Tom, 19, are not listed in the Mounts household. Here are their circumstances:

# Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

Census - Elmer Jarvis - Champaign, Illinois - 1910

Census - Tom Jarvis - Michigan City, Indiana - 1910

Elmer Jarvis was working as a hired farm hand on the farm of Marshall Satterfield in Champaign County, Illinois.

Tom was working as a laborer and at odd jobs in Michigan City, Indiana. Michigan City is an industrial port city on Lake Michigan, so there were lots of jobs on the docks and in factories. The census contains an interest note "These men have no regular place of abode."

# 1201 North Broadway

The Mounts lived at 1201 North Broadway. Here's the location today. I suspect the house is the original that has since been remodeled.



*1201 North Broadway – Greensburg, Indiana – 2021*

## Anna's 40th

May 15, 1910 was a special day, at least for Anna Mounts. It was her 40th birthday.

We haven't said much about Ralph Jarvis yet. Here are a couple interesting stories.

### BIRTHDAYS OF LOCAL CITIZENS

Mrs. Harrison Mounts, of North Broadway, was forty years of age Sunday, and friends surprised her in the afternoon by paying a visit. They brought with them large, well filled baskets containing accessories to an elegant supper, which was spread at six, the guests participating in same. This was followed by a social evening in which music was a prominent part. Mrs. Mounts was very agreeably surprised.

*Greensburg News – May 20, 1910*

## A bicycle race

On June 2, 1910, there was held a field day at the fairgrounds. There were many competitions and age groups. Among the event winners was 15 year old Ralph Jarvis, co-winner of the 15-and-older bicycle race.

**FIELD SPORTS**  
**GREAT SUCCESS**

Glorious weather, good organization and a strong and efficient committee of workers combined to make the field sports at the fair grounds yesterday a most enjoyable event. The stewards worked splendidly and the proceedings went off like clock work. It is quite impossible to mention the names of all who assisted in one way and another, but the generous response to the appeal for prizes and help on the ground was very gratifying to those who organized the affair.

Prof. Stewart acted as starter.

10. Race, under 13 — Lewis Evans.
11. Egg and spoon race—Ralph Johnston, Harry Knarr.
12. Race, under 14 — Ralph Johnston, A. E. Collins.
13. Sack race—Gerard Johnston, Harry Knarr.
14. Race, under 15—C. Crocker, Floyd Fradenburg.
15. Relay race—Sherman Boyl, E. Brennan, E. Elder, R. Crawford.
16. Bicycle race, under 8—Paul Wickens, Robert Meek.
17. Race, under 16—Max Aldrich, Fred Rucker, Howard Moss.
18. Bicycle race, under 15—Walter Morgan, Floyd Fradenburg.
19. Bicycle race—Burney McCov, Ralph Jarvis.
20. Race, 100 yds.—S. Boyl, Frank Tresler.

*Greensburg news – June 2, 1910*

## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

This story is interesting because we have a photo of Ralph on a bicycle in Greensburg at about that time. Other than the studio photo of Ralph at age 3, this is the earliest photo we have. Ralph looks like he's dressed to work at Nordmeyer's Ice Cream shop instead of a bicycle race. His brothers Lillard and Alva Mounts were in on the act, each posing on the bike.



Alva Mounts – c 1913



Lillard Mounts – c 1913



Ralph Jarvis – c 1913

## Nine Finger Blackie

"Nine Finger Blackie". That was my grandfather Ralph Jarvis' nickname. Although I never knew him, I heard his nickname from those that did. There were lots of stories about Nine Finger Blackie. I'd always wondered about the origin of the nickname.

Ralph Jarvis, a young man employed at the Nordmier Bakery, had his index finger mashed off at the second joint Monday by being caught in a power ice cream freezer. Dr. Kercheval was called.

*Greensburg Standard – August 19, 1910*

**NORDMEYER'S BAKERY, Fred H. Nordmeyer Prop, 207  
N Broadway, ph 109.  
Nordmeyer, Edythe, h 522 N Broadway, ph.  
NORDMEYER, FRED H., (Fannie), bakery, ice cream and  
sodas, 207 N Broadway, h N Broadway, bet Walnut and  
Hendricks.**

*Nordmeyer Bakery – Greensburg, Indiana City Directory – 1911*

The mystery of the first part of the nickname is now solved. Maybe our continued search will discover the origin of "Blackie."

## Timeline 1900s

Year	Event
1900	US population is nearly 76 million
1900	Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G) living in Rising Sun, Ohio County, IN
1900	Anna Jarvis (2G) and kids living with mother Eliza Burton in Greensburg IN
1900	Frank Baum publishes book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"
1901	President McKinley shot by anarchist, dies. Succeeded by Teddy Roosevelt
1901	Anna Burton Jarvis (2G) married Harrison Mounts in Greensburg IN, age 30
1901	US Steel founded by John Pierpont Morgan
1901	Queen Victoria of Britain dies after 63 years on the throne
1901	Walt Disney is born
1902	Opal B Jarvis, daughter of Newton and Anna (2G) died in Greensburg, age 3
1902	Caleb Bradham launches Pepsi in back room of his North Carolina pharmacy
1903	US acquires Panama Canal zone, takes over work of French
1903	Wright Brothers make first heavier-than-air flight at Kitty Hawk, NC
1903	Jack London publishes "The Call of the Wild"
1903	Ford Motor Company is formed
1904	First baseball World Series is played
1904	Helen Keller, deaf and blind, graduates cum laude at Radcliffe College
1904	J.M. Barrie's play "Peter Pan" premieres in London
1905	Martha Ann Buchanan Jarvis (3G) died March 19 in Rising Sun IN, age 69
1905	Albert Einstein published Theory of Relativity and equation $e = mc^2$
1905	Norwegians vote 360,000 to 184 to end union with Sweden
1906	San Francisco earthquake leaves 500 dead and destroys city center
1906	Mahatma Gandhi begins passive resistance movement after discrimination
1907	William Jasper Jarvis dies at age 54, son of Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G)
1907	Oklahoma is admitted as the 46th state
1907	Maria Montessori opens 1st Casa dei Bambini in deprived district in Rome
1908	Ford Model T begins production, continues until 1927
1908	Ernest Shackleton expedition locates the South Pole
1909	First lady Taft has 80 Japanese cherry trees planted along Potomac basin
1909	US penny changes to Abraham Lincoln design
1909	Karl Landsteiner classifies human blood groups A, B, AB, and O
1910	Anna Burton Jarvis Mounts (2G) had surprise 40th birthday party
1910	Ralph Jarvis loses finger in ice cream freezer, nicknamed Nine Finger Blackie

# Greensburg Days 1910s

In 1910, Anna Mounts' friends had a surprise 40th birthday party for her, with baskets of a delicious supper and an afternoon of music. The ensuing years hold some big life changes. Let's continue...



Let's review the family status in 1910.

Anna's married to Harrison Mounts. They're both age 39. Anna and Harrison's three sons are Lillard, 8, Alva, 4, and Robert 2.

Anna's sons from her marriage to Newton Jarvis are Ralph, 15, Elmer, 20, and Tom, 18. Ralph is living at home. Elmer's working in Illinois, Tom in Michigan City, Indiana.

## *Census – Anna and Harrison Mounts – 1910*

1911

Anna's mother Eliza Burton celebrated her 71st birthday on November 10, 1911. She was born in 1839. Eliza was our 3rd great-grandmother.



Eliza Burton (3G) – c 1915

## SURPRISE FOR AGED RESIDENT

MRS. ELIZA BURTON WAS SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE YESTERDAY AND FRIENDS HELPED HER CELEBRATE OCCASION

Saturday's Daily

Mrs. Eliza Burton, a well known resident of the city living on North Broadway was seventy-one years of age yesterday and friends helped her celebrate the event in proper style. Her daughter, Mrs. Clara Sparks, planned a surprise and in the afternoon a number of friends, carrying well filled baskets with provisions that will last the recipient for some months, called on her. The surprise was so well planned and executed that the recipient had no previous knowledge and when the visitors had assembled there was not a happier person in the city than Mrs. Burton.

Though seventy-one years of age, Mrs. Burton is spry and active. She still has ambition to do things and is very industrious, and these excellent traits have won her the esteem and friendship of many as well as her pleasant ways and sunny, happy disposition.

Greensburg news – November 17, 1911

## Elmer died

### ELMER E. JARVIS OF HOMER IS SUMMONED

**Complication of Diseases Fatal to Young Man Employed on Satterfield Farm—Funeral Services Sunday.**

Special to Courier-Herald.

Homer, Ill., Jan. 20.—Elmer E. Jarvis died at 5 o'clock this morning after a long illness from a complication of diseases. Deceased was born in Witzlan county, Indiana, February 17, 1890. Since coming to Homer he had been employed on the farm of Marshall Satterfield. Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Alice Mounts, two brothers and three half brothers. The funeral will be conducted Sunday from the Christian church at this place, followed by burial in the G. A. R. cemetery.

*Urbana Courier-Herald – January 20, 1911*

Elmer Jarvis, Anna's eldest son, died January 20, 1911. He was age 21.

Elmer was Ralph Jarvis' older brother. His sister Opal had died in 1902. So his only remaining sibling was Tom, two years his elder. Tom was working in Michigan City, Indiana.

### DIED AFTER TEN LONG DAYS

**OF SEVERE SUFFERING—HARRISON MOUNTS EXPIRED AT SIX O'CLOCK THURSDAY EVENING AT HOME ON NORTH ANDERSON STREET.**

Friday's Daily

Harrison Mount, a well known resident of the city, living on North Anderson street, died at six o'clock Thursday evening. He had suffered the most severe pain for the past ten days, but the end came peacefully. Mr. Mount was stricken Tuesday of last week with impaction of the bowels, and despite the efforts of skilled physicians he was unable to secure relief.

The deceased was born in Switzerland county, this State, in March of 1870, and was united in marriage to Anna Burton Jarvis on January 30, 1901. He had lived in this city for a number of years with the exception of a year spent in Illinois and one at Morris. Mr. Mount was a painter by trade and followed this work in season. A few years ago he played semi-professional baseball and was a pitcher that had made good in many a hard diamond contest. He was the youngest of eleven children, and his is the first death in the family. A widow, three sons, Lillard, Alva and Robert, with seven brothers and three sisters survive.

The funeral services will be held at the home on North Anderson street Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. H. Sheldon, with interment in South Park cemetery.

## 1912

Harrison Mounts died unexpectedly at 6 pm December 27, 1912.

Anna had suffered the loss of a second husband. They had married in 1901, just eleven years earlier.

She would have to start a new chapter as a single mother with her three children – Lillard, 10, Alva, 6, and Robert, 4. Ralph Jarvis was living at home, but at age 17 was self-sufficient.

## 1915

It's always something. In November 1915, Anna had to deal with son Lillard and nephew Clyde hopping a freight train to run away from home. Oh, those teenagers!



Clyde, 12 year old son of Wm. Burton, and Lillard, 14 year old son of Mrs Anna Mounts, are reported to have been seen riding out of town on an east bound Big Four train this morning. From the fact neither of the lads had appeared at their homes for dinner, it is likely they have fallen to the appeal of the wanderlust and made good the threat the Mounts boy recently uttered that he intended running away from home.

*Greensburg News – November 26, 1915*

Lillard was a bit of a wild child.

## Eliza got pneumonia

No more does Anna deal with worries of her son Lillard, than the next month her mother Eliza suffers a severe bout of pneumonia.

That's dangerous for someone who's in her 70s. But Eliza's resilient, and she pulls through.

For the best oysters go to Woods & Gray's. D23-2t

Miss Mildred Hite has arrived home from Bloomington to spend Christmas with her parents.

Xmas pipes—Pierson's. 21-4t

The latest victim of pneumonia is Mrs. Eliza Burton, an aged resident of North Broadway who is seriously ill with that dread disease.

Xmas cigars—Pierson's. 21-4t

You will have a better Xmas dinner if you buy at the Golden Rule store. D22-2t

*Greensburg Weekly – December 24, 1915*

1916

## And Anna got appendicitis

In March 1916, Anna had a bad bout of appendicitis.

### Pinnacle Flour Makes Good Bread.

Miss Vessie Mobley left this morning for Texas, where she will make her future home with her sister.

Mrs. Anna Mounts is reported as improving from an operation for appendicitis in Dr. Runnell's hospital at Indianapolis.

Dr. F. P. Bitters received word today from Mrs. Anna Mounts, who was operated on at Dr. Runnell's hospital two weeks ago, stating that she was recovering nicely. Mrs. Mounts was the housekeeper at the Hotel DeArmond when stricken with illness.

*Greensburg Standard – March 10, 1916*

*Greensburg Weekly – March 3, 1916*

## They stole my gas meter?

When it rains, it pours. Just as Anna was recovering from her appendectomy, she learned that her gas meter was stolen.

## Tom got married

And that her son Tom had married in New York City, where he was a street car conductor. Tom married Charlotte "Lottie" Valentine, who had grown up in New York.

Some sneak thief robbed the gas meter of Mrs. Anna Mounts while she was in the hospital at Indianapolis recovering from an operation. Mrs. Mounts has a lot of good news to add to this, as she has received word that her son, Thomas Jarvis, who is a street car conductor in Brooklyn, N. Y., was married a few days ago.

*Greensburg Standard – April 7, 1916*

## Ralph Jarvis in Kansas

As if she hadn't had enough news... In late April 1916, Anna received a letter that son Ralph was hospitalized for pneumonia in Larned, Kansas. What? We didn't know he'd gone to Kansas. When? Why?

Mrs. Anna Mounts has received a letter informing her that her son, Ralph Jarvis, was in a hospital at Larnard, Kans., suffering with pneumonia.

*Greensburg News – April 28, 1916*

Why not Chicago, or New York, or ??? Why go to Kansas? I've often wondered why Ralph came to Kansas. He could as easily find work around Indiana.

## A tantalizing clue

Here's a flashback to a news article that had intrigued me. In 1903, Anna's mother Eliza Burton had spent six months in Kansas.

Hmmmm. Six months? You might stay with one of your family for six months, and I couldn't think of other plausible reasons. Sure enough, Eliza's daughter, Mary Ellen, lived in Harvey County, near Newton, Kansas.

after a visit here with her parents, George Saunders and wife.

Mrs. Sarah Wooden is spending a few days with Dr. Wooden in Cincinnati.

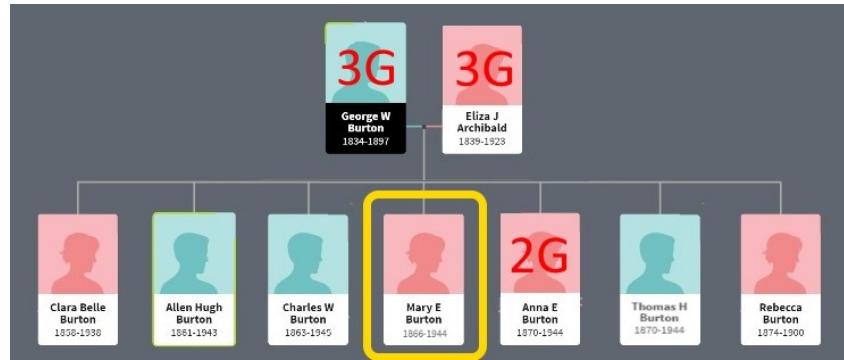
Mrs. Eliza Burton has returned home after a six months stay in Kansas.

Some thermometers this morning registered as low as one degree below zero.

Miss Jessie Brazelton went to In-

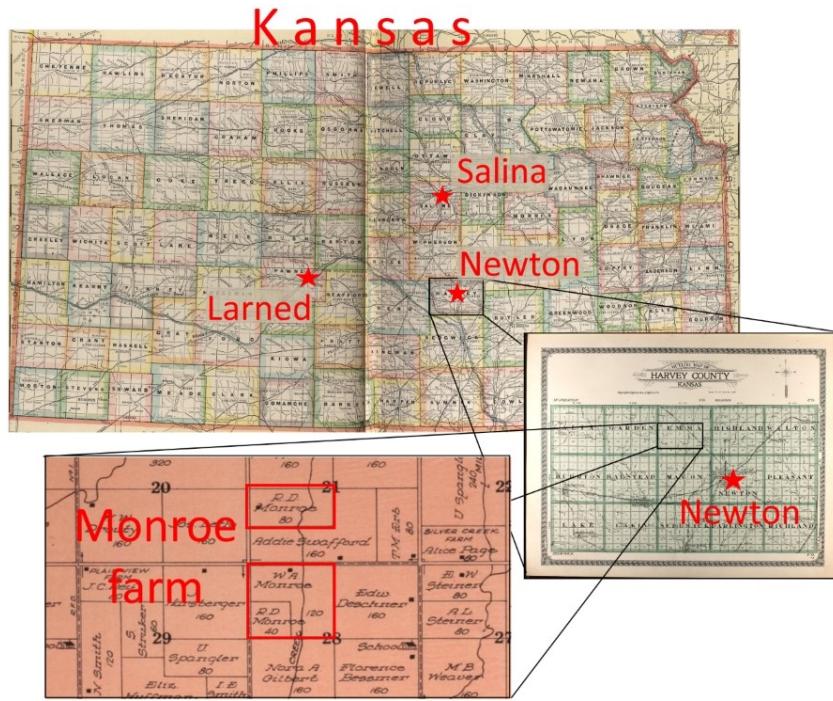
*Greensburg New Era – January 1, 1903*

## Family Nibbles



Mary Ellen “Mollie” Burton was Anna’s older sister by four years. She had married William A. Monroe in 1888 in Rising Sun, a year before Anna married Newton Jarvis there.

William and Mollie Monroe moved to Kansas just after they married. Their first child Bertha was born in Kansas in 1890. They had a farm a few miles northwest of Newton, Kansas. So Eliza had gone to Kansas to stay with her daughter.



Perhaps when Ralph was ready to go out into the world, his mother suggested, “Ralph, why don’t you go stay with Aunt Mollie in Kansas. You’ll have a place to stay while you look for work.”

We don’t know whether our guess is correct, but Ralph had made his way to Larned, Kansas by April 1916, where he was hospitalized for pneumonia.

## 1918

By 1918, Anna will move from Greensburg to Anderson, Indiana for work. She'll find a job as a railroad car cleaner. There, in 1920, she will marry again, this time to Samuel H. Stafford.

In 1919, Eliza will celebrate her 80th birthday. But she has continuing bouts of poor health.



Anderson, Indiana - 1918



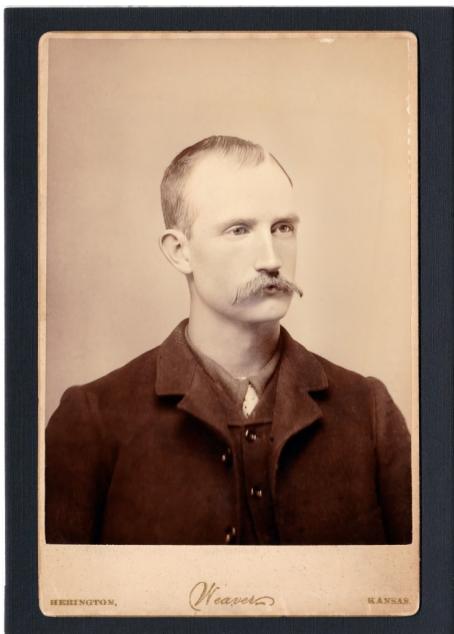
Ralph Jarvis - c 1914

## What about Ralph?

We're getting ahead of our story. We want to find out about Ralph in Kansas.

So we'll leave Indiana for a while, and Anna and Eliza. We'll see them again soon.

# John Webb



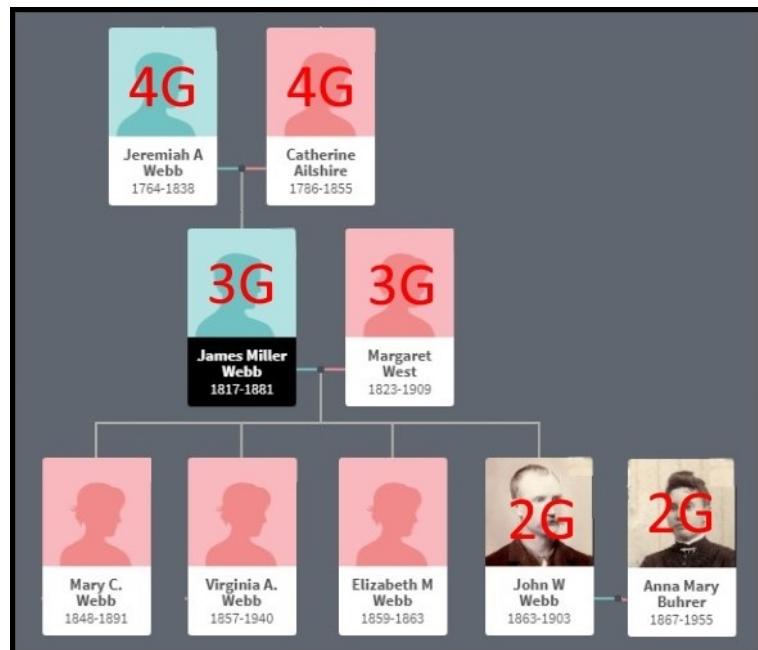
John Webb – c 1889

John Wesley Webb (2G) was born Monday, August 3, 1863 in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. His parents were James Miller Webb and Margaret West Webb.

He was named after his two uncles, John C. Webb and Jeremiah Wesley Webb.

Ralph Jarvis married Chleo Webb. Chleo was born in 1900 on a farm south of Larned, Kansas.

Chleo's father was John Webb.





*John Webb and his mother  
Margaret – c 1865*

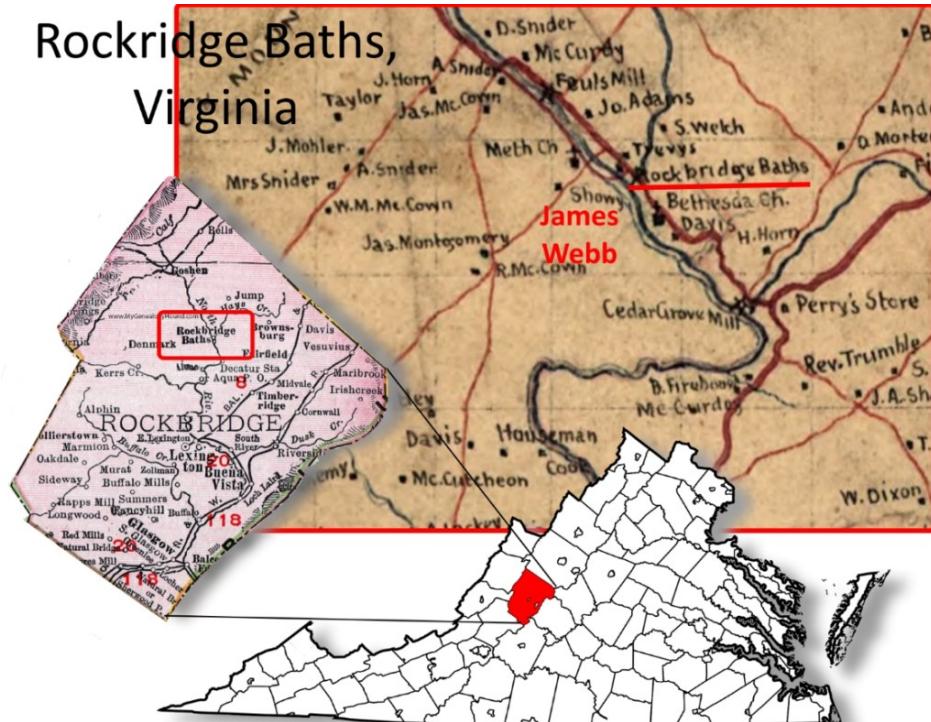
These precious tintype photographs have survived all these years. Enjoy.



*John Webb – c 1867*

## Rockbridge Baths, Virginia

Rockbridge Baths is a tiny hamlet in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It's nine miles north of the small town of Lexington and fifty miles west of Charlottesville.

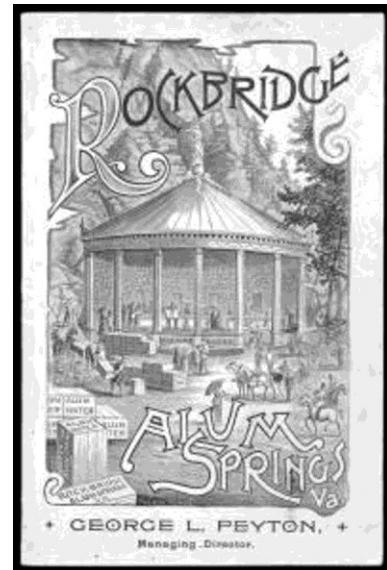


## The waters

Rockbridge Baths was named after the healing powers of the local alum springs.

*This water I consider is the water of waters. This place is more crowded than any other in the mountains, and I have not heard of a single person who is dissatisfied.*

General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson



## 1870 Census

Here's the family of James and Margaret Webb in the 1870 census. Their two daughters are Mary, 22, and Virginia, 12. Another daughter, Elizabeth, died in 1863 at age 4. John is the youngest, age 6.

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Census – James and Margaret Webb – Rockbridge Baths, Virginia – 1870

James is listed as a tailor, as he was in the 1860 census ten years earlier. Look again at the clothes young John is wearing in the photo above. I'll bet his dad made it.

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But I don't know who or where he would find customers in Rockbridge Baths. Maybe he was contracting. He continued his trade, but was also appointed postmaster at Rockbridge Baths in 1875.

172 21	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Rockbridge County, Virginia:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rappahannock Joel J. Cooley 12 Mar '73 Charles T. Reed 20 Apr '81</li> <li>- W. M. Ackerly 14 Aug '79 W. M. Ackerly 20 Aug '89</li> <li><u>- Rockbridge Baths James M. Webb 1 Mar '75 John A. Parker 28 July '80</u></li> <li>- Summerside Thomas Bintz 12 Jan '70 John P. McChesney 1 May '79</li> <li>- Timber Ridge John H. Thompson 26 July '75 G. E. Dale 19 Aug '85</li> </ul>
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Postmaster – James M Webb – Rockbridge Baths, Virginia – 1875

Here's James Webb's old post office building, alongside the current Rockbridge Baths post office.



# Growing up

John Webb must have spent lots of time in the hills and valleys around Rockbridge Baths. Here are a couple great photos of John and his dog and his rifle.



*John Webb – “Papa & his Dog” –  
c 1876*



*John Webb – “Pappa” – c 1879*

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Page No.	53	Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1880, and ends May 31, 1880.											
Supervisor's Dist. No.	4	Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.											
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*Census – James and Margaret Webb – Rockbridge County, Virginia – 1880*

In 1880, James and Margaret Webb were 62 and 57. James' occupation was tailor.

John was 16 (incorrectly listed in census as 15). John had attended school in the past year. His sister Virginia was age 22 and living at home. Burton Broadus was a 12-year-old girl living in the household. She was a servant, likely an orphaned neighbor.

## John's autograph book

We're lucky to have John's autograph book. It gives us an insight that we can't get from census or land records. Here are a few examples:

Kate is John's sister, Mary Catherine Webb. She's fifteen years older than John, born in 1848. Kate married Jacob Shoulder and stayed around Rockbridge County. She died in 1891, just a few years after she wished John well.



On the next page, it looks like John and Fannie had something going. We don't know Fannie's last name, but one possibility is Fannie Miller, a neighbor about the same age.

## Family Nibbles

My Precious Baby,

Remember the night we went to the supper together; I enjoyed the ride home more than the supper.

Your little pet,

Fannie

Sept 12, '84



*My Precious Baby  
Remember the night we went to the  
supper together; I enjoyed the ride home  
more than the supper;  
Your little pet.  
Fannie  
Sept 12, 84.*

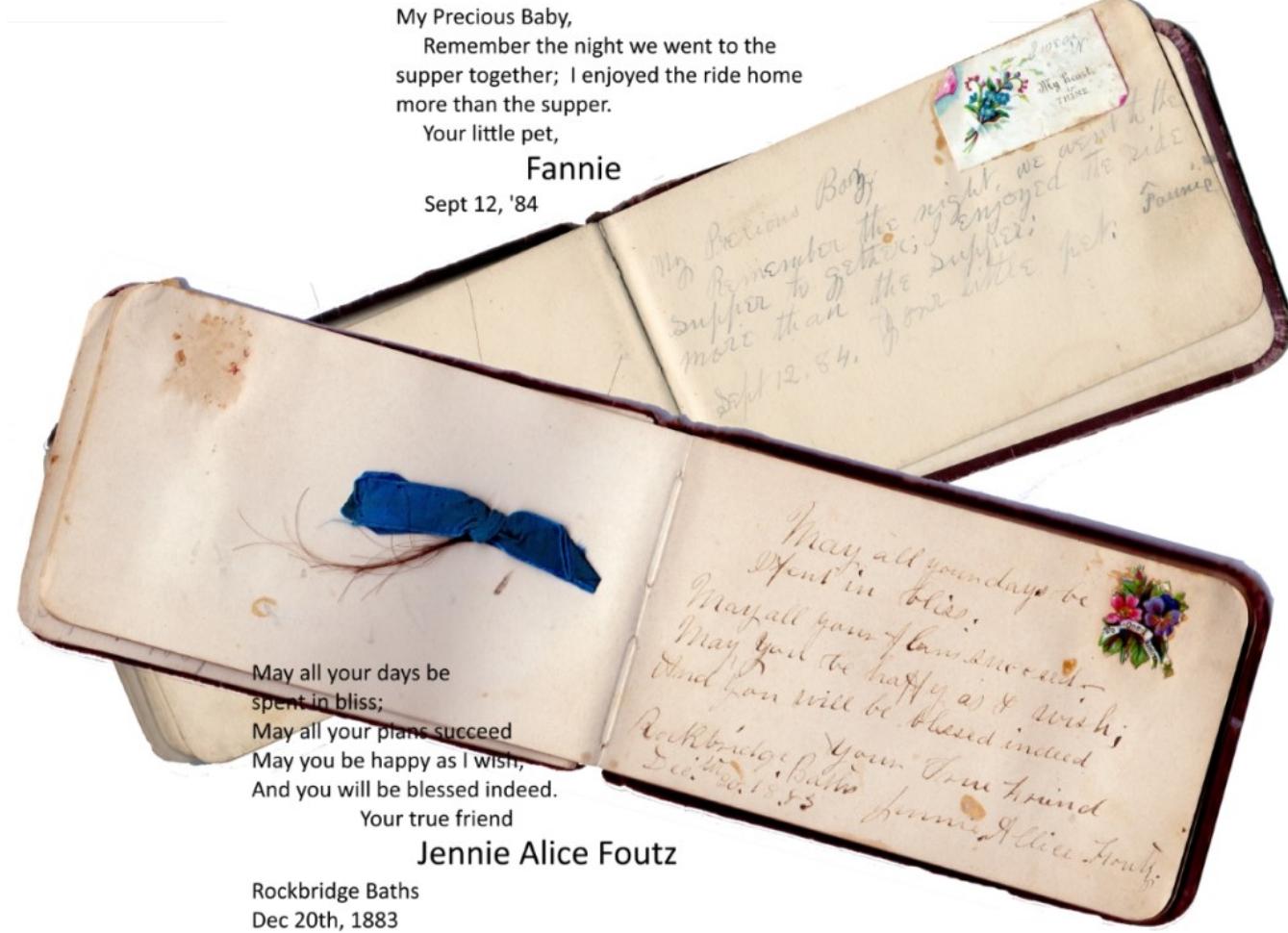
May all your days be  
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May all your plans succeed  
May you be happy as I wish,  
And you will be blessed indeed.

Your true friend

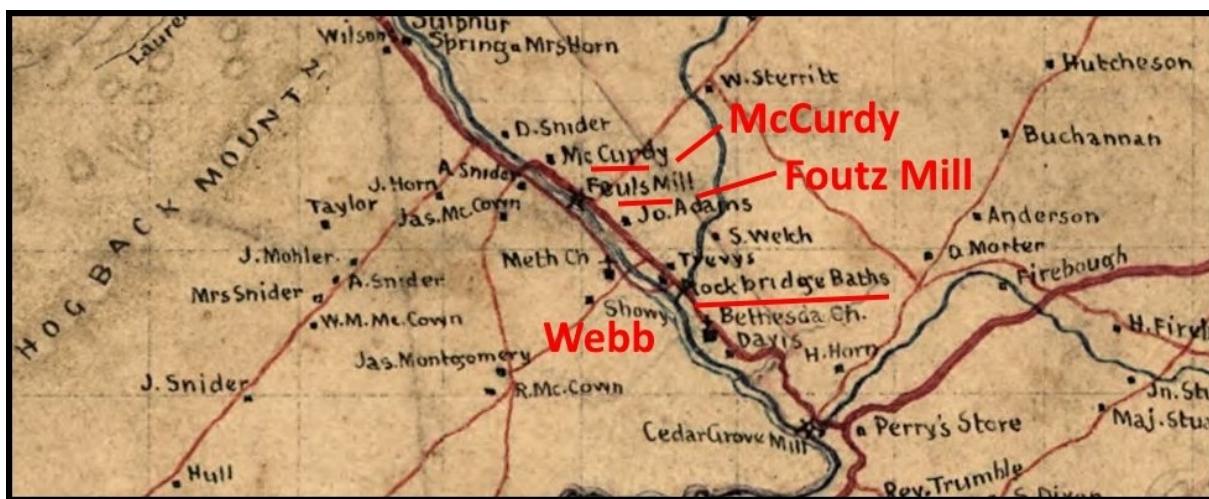
Jennie Alice Foutz

Rockbridge Baths  
Dec 20th, 1883

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Dec 20th, 1883  
Your True Friend  
Jennie Alice Foutz.*



In the pages above, Nettie McCurdy and Jennie Foutz were neighbors. The Foutz family operated the mill in Rockbridge Baths.



## John left home

In 1885, at age 22, John left home and Rockbridge Baths.

His parents and sisters lived out their lives in Rockbridge County. James Miller Webb died in July 1881, at age 64. Margaret lived to age 86 in 1909.

His friend M.J. Parker gave him a Bible and a parting wish. This would be the Webb family Bible and record of births and deaths for the next two generations.



John Webb family Bible

## To Abilene, Kansas

John first went to Texas, and then to Abilene, Kansas around 1887. We'll catch up with him there in an upcoming story.



Abilene, Kansas – c 1880

# Anna Buhrer



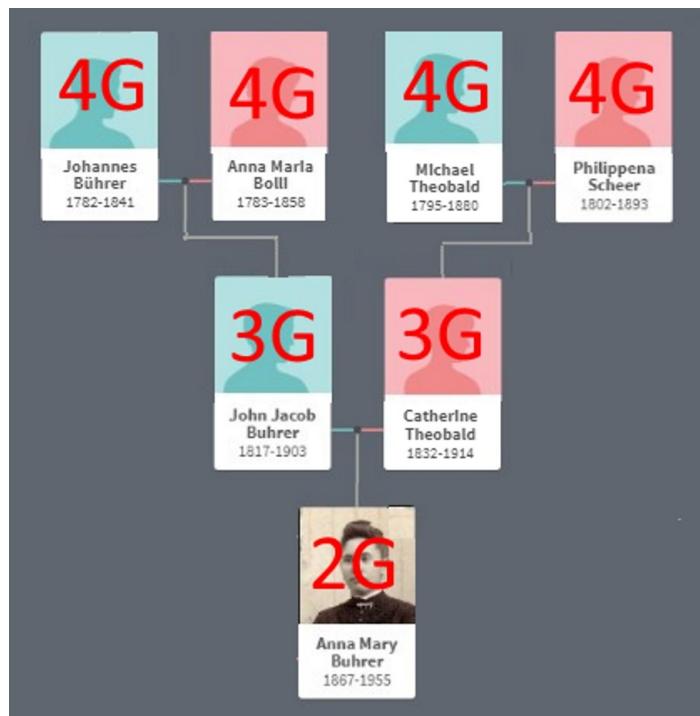
Anna Buhrer – c 1885

Anna Mary Buhrer (2G) was born Saturday, October 19, 1867, in Archbold, Fulton County, Ohio. Her parents were John Jacob Buhrer and Catherine Theobald Buhrer (3G).

Jacob Buhrer had come to Ohio in 1851 at age 34 from Bibern Valley, Scheffhausen, Switzerland in 1850. He settled near Archbold, Ohio, in Fulton County.

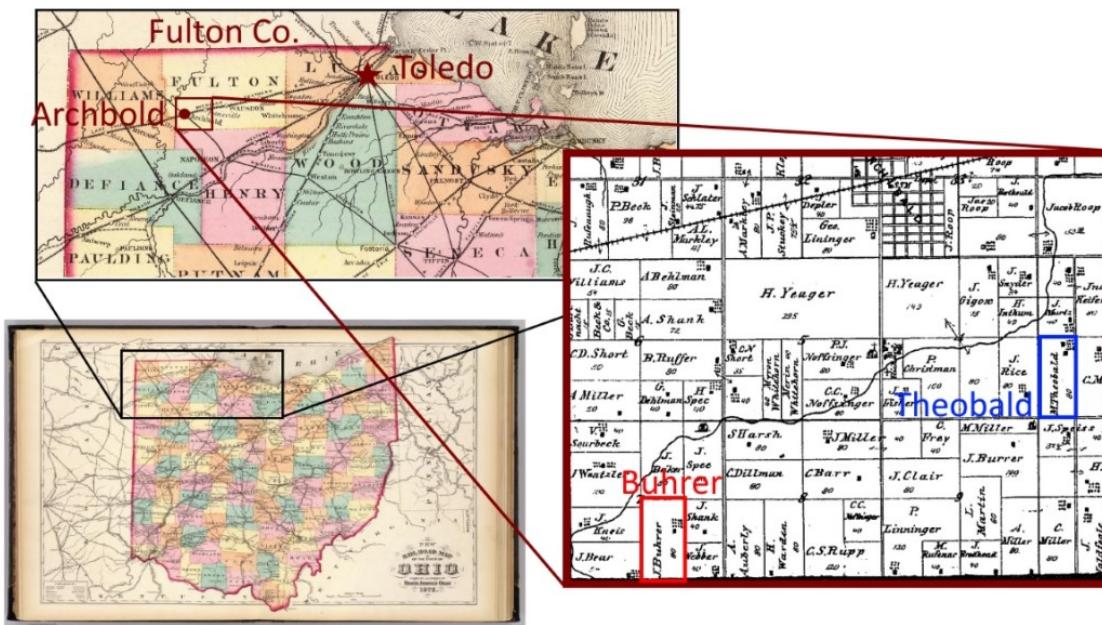
Ralph Jarvis married Chleo Webb. Chleo was born in 1900 on a farm south of Larned, Kansas.

Chleo's mother was Anna Buhrer.



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Michael Theobald and Philipena Scheer Theobald (4G) came to Seneca County, Ohio, in 1835, and then moved to Fulton County in 1847. Their daughter Catherine was the second of eight children. She was born July 19, 1832. The Theobald's had a farm one mile southeast of Archbold.



Jacob Buhler and Catherine Theobald were married in 1853. He was age 36 and she was 21.

Jacob and Catherine bought a farm in 1853 three miles west of the Theobald farm. There they farmed and raised their family.

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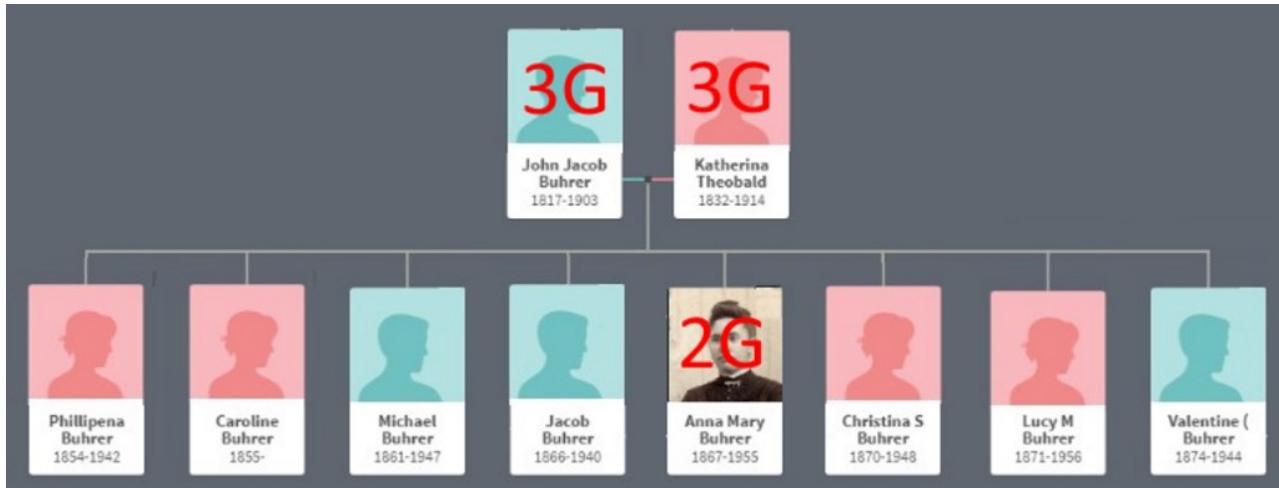
Post Office:

Inquirer above, numbered in Family number or name and number of vehicles.	DESCRIPTION.						Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of Family birth Name, State, and If born within the 2 years, state name, place, & date.	Mother of Family birth Name, State, and If born within the 2 years, state name, place, & date.	Husband within the same name, place, & date.	Attended school within the same name, place, & date.	Census report. Name with Cause while Census.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations.				
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Census – Jacob and Catherine Buhler – Fulton County, Ohio – 1870

## Family Nibbles

Anna Mary Buhrer was the 8th of 11 children. Philipena, the oldest, was born in 1854. Anna was born in 1867, and Valentine, the youngest in 1874. All the children were born in Archbold, in Fulton County, Ohio. Three of the children, John, Catherine, and Elizabeth died in infancy or childhood. The remaining eight children all lived into the mid-twentieth century.



Jacob and Catherine and family lived in Fulton County for 25 years. Here's their house in Ohio.



Buhrer house – Fulton County, Ohio – c 1875

## From Ohio to Kansas

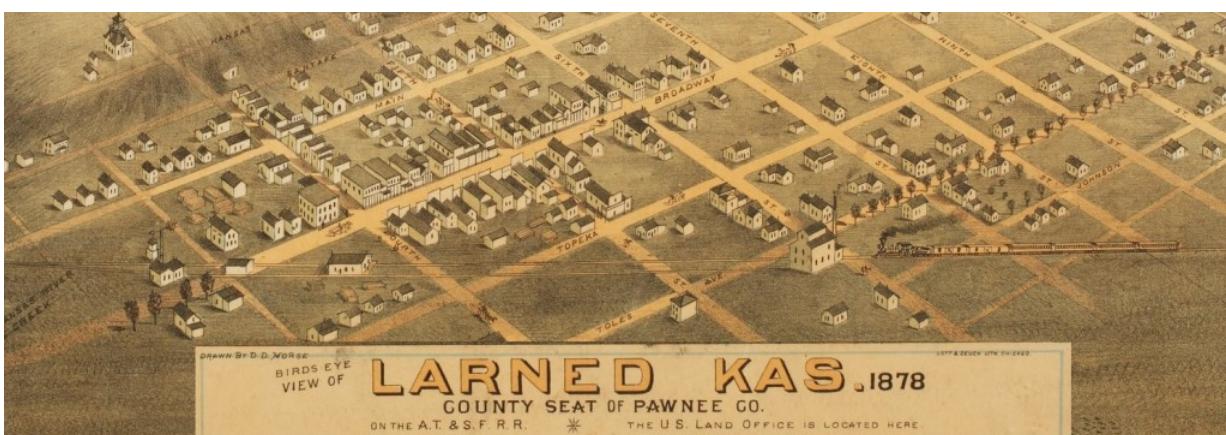
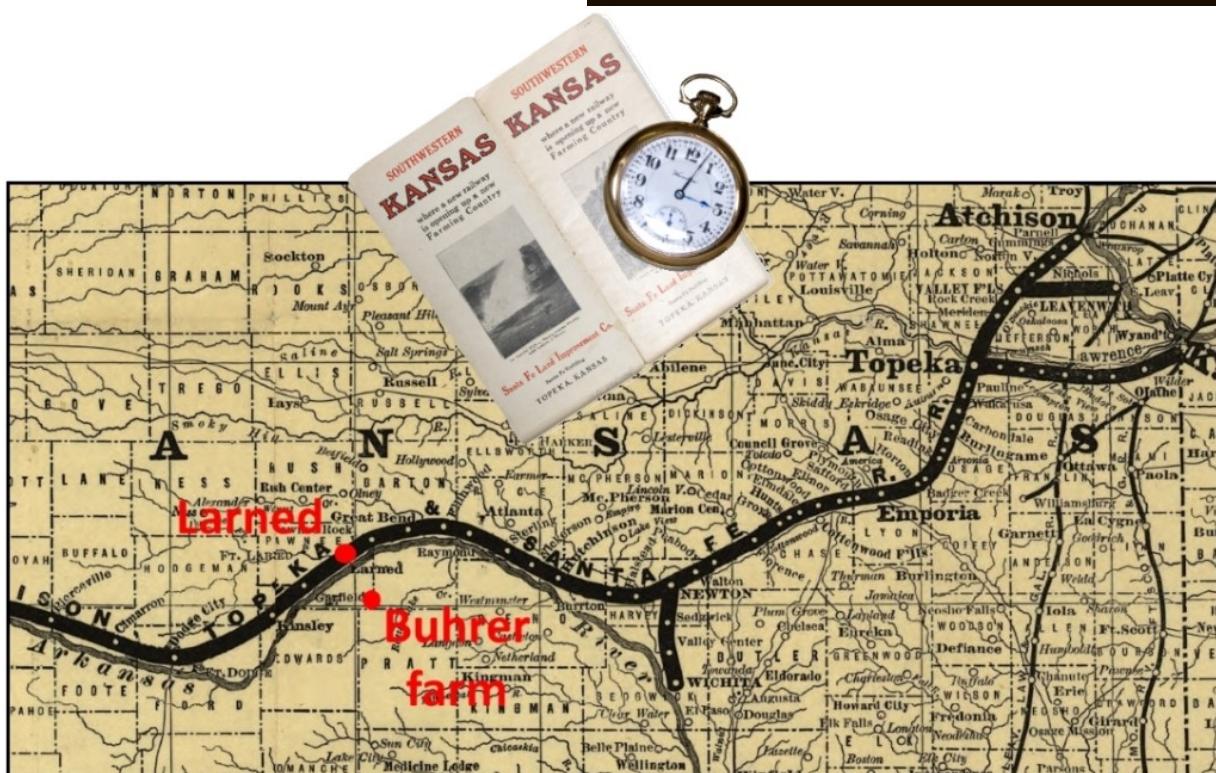
When Anna was eleven years old, in 1878, the Buhrer family sold out in Ohio and moved to Kansas.

Why pull up stakes after 25 years? I don't know. It must have been a significant reason or change in circumstances. Jacob was age 61, Catherine 46.

Whereas Ohio in 1878 was modern and populated, southwest Kansas was still on the frontier's edge.

## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad had reached Larned and the western border of Kansas in 1872. So the Buhrer's 1878 trip from Ohio to Kansas was made by railroad.

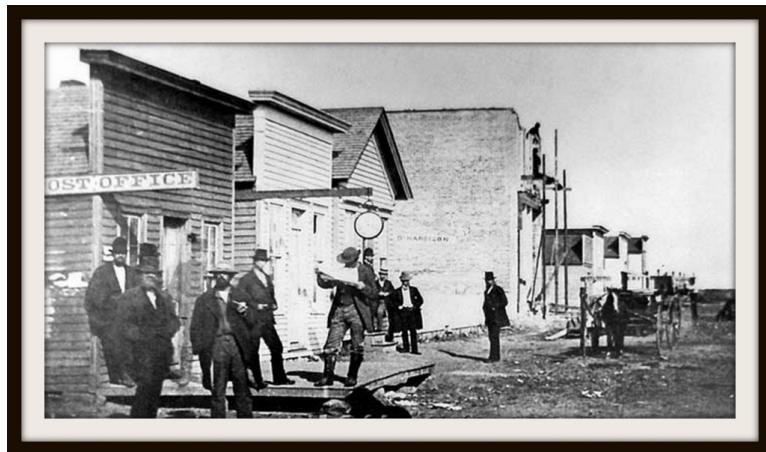


## Larned, Pawnee County, Kansas

We're lucky to have Anna's recollection of their journey from Ohio to Kansas. She wrote some memories of her early days in Pawnee County that were published in the Larned newspapers in August of 1947.

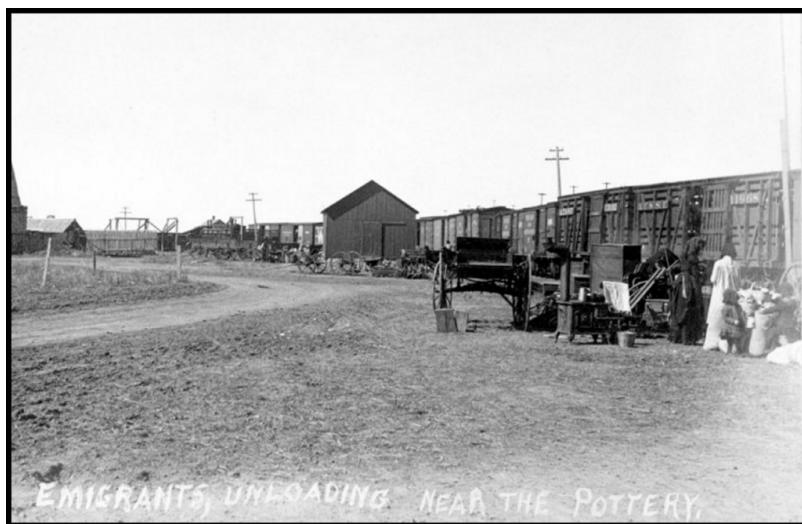
*Father and our family arrived in Larned in the spring of 1878, late in the night. The remainder of the night we sat in chairs in the Larned hotel.*

*Anna Buhrer Webb – Larned Chronoscope – August 21, 1947*



*Main Street – Larned, Kansas – 1876*

*In the morning brother Mike and Adolph White came in on the freight train with our two horses, furniture, and our little black dog. Also the Cleek furniture. The Cleek family came on the passenger train with us.*



*Immigrants unloading at the railroad yards in Larned, Pawnee County, Kansas – c 1885*

*During the morning John Richards and his father came and took us to their home until the men could unload the cars in to a two room house southwest of Larned.*

## Now the work begins...

The Buhlers were in Larned. Now they must build a place to live and a way to subsist. We'll see how they go about that in the next story.



*Girl in field with team - Kansas - c 1900*

# Pawnee County, Kansas

We're fortunate to have two guest authors today.

In August 1947, the Larned Chronoscope, a local newspaper, published the recollections of sisters Anna Buhrer Webb and Lucy Buhrer Hays about their early days in Pawnee County.



Anna Buhrer – c 1887

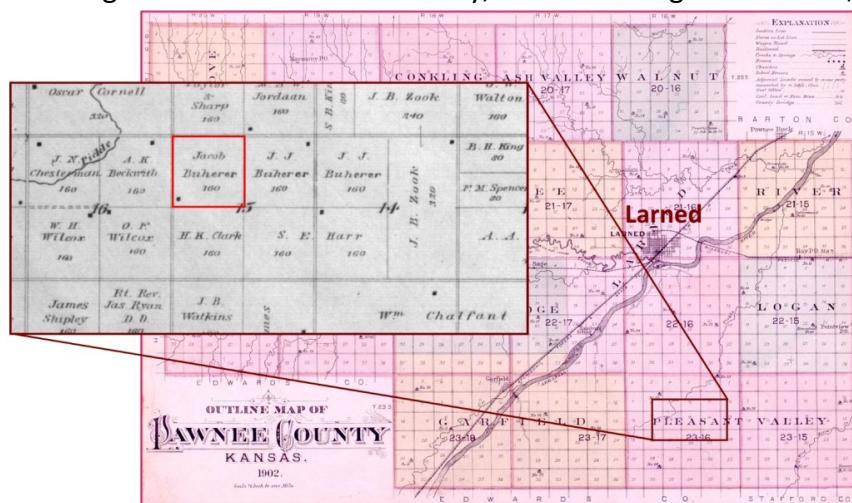


Lucy Buhrer – c 1889

If we told these stories, we'd be accused of embellishment. It's amazing to hear how our grandparents forged a life on the Kansas prairie.

In the last story, we heard how the Buhrers arrived on a train in the spring of 1878, with their horses and equipment arriving the next day on a freight train. The Richards family, an earlier neighbor in Ohio, took in the ten people of the Buhrer family to stay with them temporarily.

Jacob Buhrer had purchased Section 15 in Pawnee County, a square mile of unbroken land nine miles south of Larned, in Pleasant Valley Township. Now they would build a house and a farm and a life.



## The article

Here's the newspaper article that contains the sisters' recollections. Don't try to read the fine print. The girls will tell you all about it in the following pages.

<p><b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1947</b></p> <p><b>Pioneering In Pawnee County As Recorded By Mrs. John Jacob Buhrer</b></p> <p>John Jacob Buhrer was born Dec. 8, 1865, on a farm near Archbald, Fulton County, Ohio. His father, John Jacob Buhrer, was born in Switzerland in 1847 and came to Ohio in 1851. In 1853 he was married to Catherine Theobold. They lived on a farm near Archbald for twenty-five years.</p> <p>Mrs. John Hays (Lucy Buhrer, Jake's sister) contributes the following pioneer recollections to the family history:</p> <p>John Jacob Buhrer and Catherine Theobold Buhrer, with their family of seven children, Philomena, Mike, Jake, Anna, Christine, Lucy, and Valentine, (Wally), and a married daughter, Caroline, and her husband, Casper Sigg, left Archbald, Ohio, in the spring of 1878, by railroad train, and came to Pawnee county, Kansas, to make their future home.</p> <p>Father bought section 13 in Pleasant Valley township, which was railroad land. Until a house and other buildings could be built, the family lived for a while with the Richards family who had been neighbors of ours back in Ohio, and were then living on the present Joe Lewis farm southwest of Larned. We moved into a small two room white frame house about a mile southwest of Larned known then and for many years as the Rahn farm and known later as the Stockwell farm; and eventually into our own home.</p> <p>Mike rode in the car with the stock, machinery, and household effects, which included a team of horses, a sulkey rake for one horse, a self rake reaper, a cupboard, dresser, chest, walnut table, and doughtray; most of which were home made.</p> <p>The land was unbroken so a yoke of oxen was purchased and sod broken and a wheat crop sowed. In the spring corn was planted. It grew abundantly, then the drought set in and the crops did not yield any grain. The corn was cut down by hand for feed. The drought lasted through '78 and '80 and as a consequence father lost all but one quarter of his land, the NW<sup>1/4</sup>, Sec. 15, Twp 23, R. 18.</p> <p>When it was too late the family realized that it would have been better to spend their money for cows than for a yoke of oxen. The next few years were difficult ones.</p> <p>Most of the children worked for meager wages which often pooled to keep the family going. The pioneers were glad to help each other. Work was traded with the neighbors. Even the farm implements were loaned. One time when the family wanted to use the one horse sulkey rake it was finally located away down south on the Rattlesnake.</p> <p>The self rake reaper as well as the sulkey rake would indeed be novel implements today. The reaper would cut a small bundle of grain with a sweeping motion, which had to be tied by hand with a band of straw.</p> <p>Many of our generation have never seen or heard of a doughtray. It was a long wooden box with a lid, divided into two compartments. In one end the supply of flour was kept, in the other the bread was mixed and large quantities of it. When the dough had risen it was molded into loaves, put in two long pans and placed in the end of the dough tray over the flour the lid closed, and left to rise for baking.</p> <p>Many hardships were endured. One time a blizzard lasted for three days during which many farmers lost their cattle. Another time the chinch bugs took the rice corn, a row crop. They were so thick on it one could run his hand up the stalk and scoop up a whole hand full.</p> <p>Our neighbors in 1878 were the Harr family who lived on the section east of us, where the Traylor family now live. The Prose family lived in the old house south of Burr Hawes' present home (on highway). The Armandy's, four brothers lived on the half section north of us; Jim Chesterman and J. B. Gilkison, bachelors, lived in a small house on the Gilkison farm; Hustons lived in a dugout on the present Sette location; Bays lived where David King now lives; Peter Queer, a carpenter lived on the present Lawrence Schartz place.</p> <p>The first child born was sister Caroline's son Will Sigg, born in our home. The first death was a Mrs. Richardson who was buried on the west bank of a large pond west of the old Harmony school site. To our knowledge the remains are still there but no marker is there. The first burial in Pleasant Valley or rather Pratt cemetery was for Jessie Blaine in the early '80's. The first marriage, sister Philomena and Abner K. Beckwith, parents of H. T. Beckwith and G. O. Beckwith of Kinsley and grandparents of Catherine and Carroll Beckwith. Jim Chesterman was married about that time, also J. B. Gilkison. The first school we attended was at Harmony, District 24, in the summer of 1878. Peter Twier was a carpenter, and built the first Harmony school building, a frame one in 1878; and built the Pratt school house, also frame in 1879.</p> <p>Mrs. Carrie Conduite, the wife of a doctor, who lived in the southeast part of the township taught the first term of</p> <p>school at Harmony in '78 for \$21 per month, and the first term of school at Pratt in 1879 also for \$21 a month. These were three month terms. In these schools there were no desks at first. Books were kept under the home made benches. Many of the pupils were nearly grown men and women. Many of them walked many miles to gain a bit of knowledge.</p> <p>We attended Sunday school and preaching services in the Pratt school building until the Pratt church building was dedicated in 1912. Rev. William Bartle, a pioneer who lived where the Shapleys later lived was one of the first who preached in the old Pratt school house.</p> <p>Our social affairs were spelling schools, parties in the homes where we played "skip to my Lou, my Darling", down to "Rowers", etc. Also we had square dances in the old Dublin school in the southeast part of the township. The Frick boys, Charlie, Emil, Louis and William, came with their fiddles including the bass and furnished the music. The home made benches were placed around the room against the wall.</p> <p>The Buhrer family and the Doerr family visited many, many times.</p> <p>The homestead was kept in the family until the summer of 1914, when it was sold after mother passed away, to Charles Gilkison." L.B.H.</p> <p>Mrs. John Webb (Anna Buhrer, Jake's sister) who lives in Salina, sends her reminiscences for the family history. She tells how life was lived in those pioneer days:</p> <p>"Father and his family arrived in Larned in the spring of 1878, late in the night. The remainder of the night we sat in chairs in the Larned hotel. In the morning brother Mike and Adolph White came in on the freight train with our two horses, furniture, and our little black dog; also the Cleek furniture: The Cleek family came on the passenger train with us. During the morning John Richards ad his father came and took us to their home until the men could unload the cars in a two room house southwest of Larned.</p> <p>Father built a frame house on his section one mile <del>west</del> and eight and one-half miles south of Larned. Father was a mason so he built a nice basement kitchen and a cellar on the north, both of native stone. The cellar had a north window, the kitchen two east windows and a large double window on the west and a south door with stone steps going up to the porch, which had a stone wall two feet high on two sides, all open at the top."</p> <p>The blizzard started the night of 1885 and lasted three days.</p> <p>We had a sod horse barn, sod hen house and a sod hog barn for the brood sows; a long barn made of prairie blue grass and manure. The walls were feet thick, with posts and v on the sides and large post in the center and top. We got low at the Arkansas river put on top. Then a lot of prairie hay on top of that to turn rain, there put wire mesh with stones on the ends to the roof on. The cows were one side and the calves on the other. The barn had an east door and a south door. Nothing froze there during the blizzard.</p> <p>Brother Mike and Jake carried water for the stock out a draw well with buckets or rope on a pulley. They did milking during the blizzard wouldn't let mother go out in the storm.</p> <p>We were snug and warm in our basement. We had a table, one small and one large cupboard, a lounge, chairs, t薜ches, a dough tray the feet long that mother mixed bread in, enough at a time ten or twelve loaves of bread last a week. She would put it a shelf in the cellar and cover it with a cloth.</p> <p>We also had a four hole cook stove that father would feed with corn stalks for mother to bake our bread. In the spring we would hitch a horse to the sled and go out on the prairie and pull up poison weeds that were dead and press them in bunches to burn in the cook stove, and gather up buffalo chips to burn. I wish I had a picture of the long ricks of chaff I used to pick up to burn in the heating stove to keep us warm and in the cook stove to cook our meals and bake bread and cookies and pies. "Then we had the good old days".</p> <p>A. B. V.</p> <p>Mr. Buhrer also walled up the room above ground inside with native stone and plastered over the stone. This room and the attic were used for beds. The basement kitchen was the living room.</p> <p>Jake and his father drove the oxen west of Larned to get load of seed wheat. There was big rain. The oxen got so tired that when they got to Pickle Creek they lay down and wouldn't go any farther. Jake and his father had to stay a night in Pickle Creek because they left someone might steal the wheat. I think Pickle Creek is called Hubbard Creek on the map of Pawnee County.</p> <p>Other neighbors of the Bulwers were the families of Wilco Blair, Henry James, Dan Nicoll Pratt, The Chuckmans, Henry Laird and Will Garley. Left the country early. The Ormonds moved to Portland, Oregon.</p>
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*The Larned Chronoscope – August 21, 1947*

Just think. These recollections are from 70 years earlier!

## Anna's recollections:

### A house

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Buhrer house – Pleasant Valley Township – Pawnee County, Kansas – c 1900

### A barn



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### A blizzard

*A blizzard started the last night of 1885 and lasted three nights and three days.*

*Brothers Mike and Jake carried water for the stock out of a draw well with buckets on a rope on a pulley. They did milking during the blizzard. They wouldn't let mother go out during the storm.*

Jacob Buhrer later walled up the room over the basement with native stone and plastered over the stone. This room and the attic area were used for bedrooms. The family's living room was in the basement kitchen.

## Baking bread

*We were snug and warm in our basement. We had a long table, one small and one large cupboard, a lounge, chairs, two benches, a dough tray three feet long that mother mixed her bread in, enough at a time for ten or twelve loaves of bread to last a week. She would put it on a shelf in the cellar and cover it with a cloth.*

*We also had a four hole cook stove that father would feed with corn stalks for mother to bake our bread.*

*In the spring we would go out on the prairie and pull up rosin weeds that were dead and press them into bunches to burn in the cook stove, and gather up buffalo chips to burn.*

*I wish I had a picture of the long ricks of chips I used to pick up to burn in the heating stove to keep us warm and in the cook stove to cook our meals and bake bread and cookies and pies.*

*"Them were the good old days."*

## Lucy's recollections:

### The land

*The land was unbroken so a team of oxen was purchased and sod broken and a wheat crop sowed. In the spring corn was planted. It grew abundantly, then the drought set in and the crops did not yield any grain. The corn was cut down by hand for feed. The drought lasted through '79 and into '80 and as a consequence father lost all but one quarter of his land, the NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 23, Range 16.*



Oxen and sod house – Kansas – c 1880

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*Most of the children worked for meager wages which were often pooled to keep the family going.*

## Neighbors

*The pioneers were glad to help each other. Work was traded with the neighbors. Even the farm implements were loaned. One time when the family wanted to use the one horse sulkey rake it was finally located away down south on the Rattlesnake. The self rake reaper as well as the sulkey rake would indeed be novel implements today. The reaper would cut a small bundle of grain with a sweeping motion, which had to be tied by hand with a band of straw.*



*Wheat harvest in Pawnee County – 1880-1890*

## Firsts

*The first child born was sister Caroline's son, Will Sigg, born in our home.*

*The first death was a Mrs. Richardson who was buried on the west bank of a large pond west of the old Harmony school site. The first burial in Pleasant Valley was for Jackie Blaine in the early '80s.*

*The first marriage was sister Philipena and Abner K. Beckwith.*

## School

*The first school we attended was at Harmony, District 24, in the summer of 1878. Peter Qivier was a carpenter, and built the first Harmony school building, a frame one in 1878, and built the Pratt school house, also frame, in 1879.*

*Mrs. Carrie Conduitte, the wife of a doctor, who lived in the southeast part of the township taught the first term of school at Harmony in '78 for \$21 per month.*

*These were three month terms. In these schools there were no desks at first. Books were kept under the homemade benches.*



*Green Valley School, Pawnee County,  
Kansas – 1893*

*Many of the pupils were nearly grown men and women. Many of them walked many miles to gain a bit of knowledge.*

## Sunday school

*We attended Sunday School and preaching services in the Pratt school building until the Pratt church building was dedicated in 1912. Rev. William Bartle, a pioneer who lived where the Shapleys later lived was one of the first who preached in the old Pratt school house.*

## Socials

*Our social affairs were spelling schools, parties in the homes where we played "Skip to my Lou, My Darling", "Down to Rowsers," etc. Also we had square dances in the old Dublin school in the southeast part of the township. The Frick boys, Charlie, Emil, Louis, and William came with their fiddles including the bass and furnished the music. The homemade benches were placed around the room against the wall.*



*Dancers and musicians - Kansas - c 1900*

## The Buhrer children, grown up

Here are the eight grown children of Jacob Buhrer and Catherine Theobald Buhrer. The photograph was probably taken in 1903 when their father died.



*Back row, Lucy Buhrer Hays, Jake Buhrer, Tena Buhrer Rooney, Front row, Anna Buhrer Webb, Val Buhrer, Philipena Buhrer Beckwith, Mike Buhrer, Caroline Buhrer Sigg – c 1903*

John Webb and Anna Buhrer

John Webb left Virginia in 1885. By 1887 he was in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas.

In 1886, at around age 19, Anna Buhrer moved to Dickinson County and stayed in the household of her sister Caroline.



*Street Scene – Abilene, Kansas – c 1880*

# Caroline Bührer Sigg

Anna Buhrer's sister Caroline was twelve years older, born in 1855. Caroline had married Casper Sigg in Fulton County, Ohio. Casper and Caroline came to Pawnee County with the Buhrrers in 1878. Their son, Will, was born there in December 1878.

In 1879, Caroline and Casper Sigg and their son Will moved to Dickinson County, Kansas.

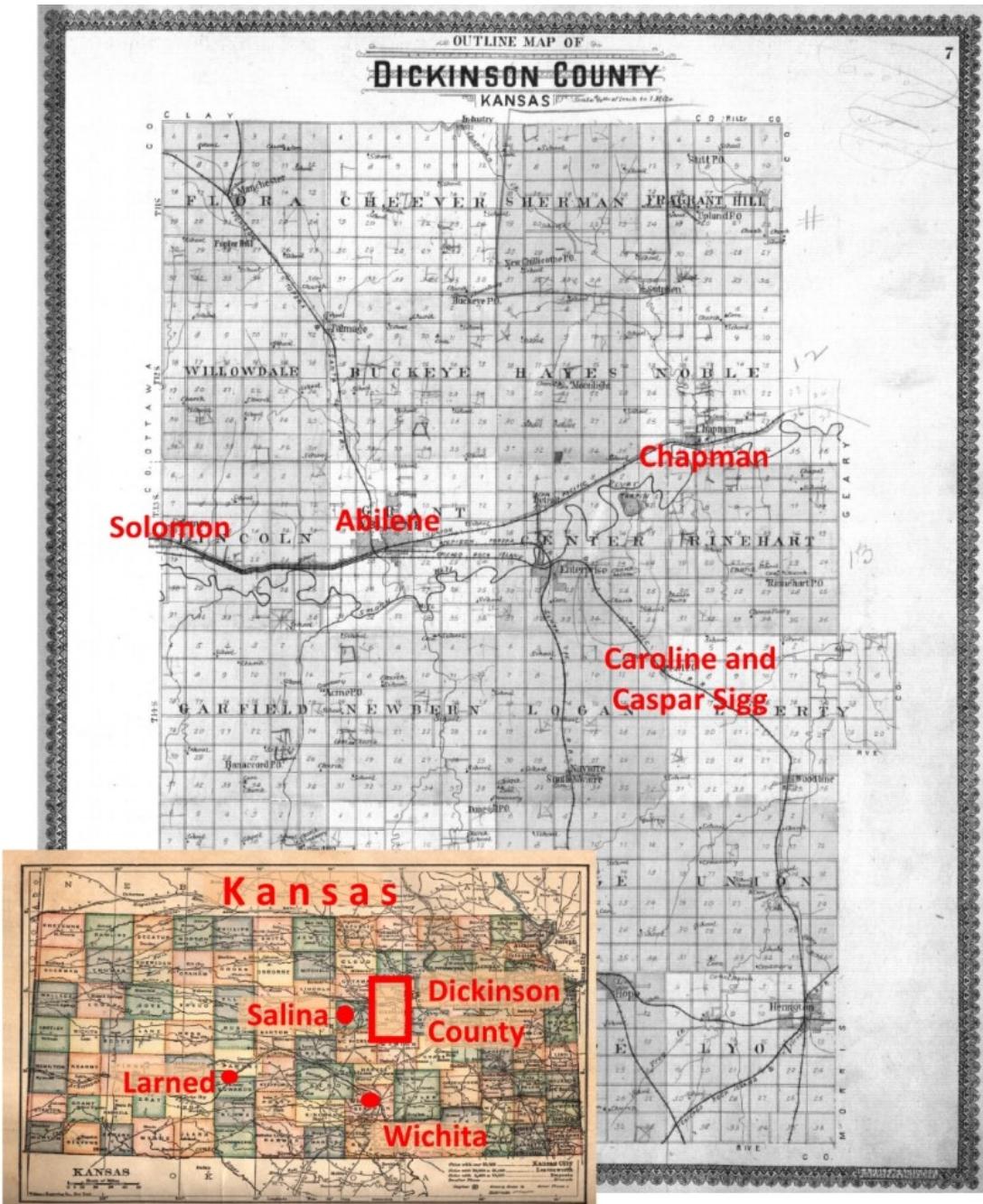
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*Census – Caroline and Casper Sigg (and Buhrer families) – Dickinson County,  
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## Family Nibbles

In Dickinson County, the Siggs were living next to several other Buhrer families, headed by Jacob and Elizabeth. These Buhrers were from Scheffhausen, Switzerland, just like our Buhrers. I haven't traced them further, but I'm guessing that this Jacob Buhrer is a brother of Caroline's father John Jacob Buhrer.

The Siggs lived in Liberty Township in Dickinson County, south of the small village of Chapman, Kansas, and about ten miles east of Abilene.



Dickinson County, Kansas – 1903

## Anna Buhrer in Dickinson County

Around 1886, Anna Buhrer moved from Pawnee County to Dickinson County and into the household of her older sister Caroline Buhrer Sigg. I think Anna intended to find work in Abilene.



*Anna Buhrer – Abilene, Kansas – c 1887*



*John Webb (r) and unknown friend – Abilene, Kansas – c 1887*

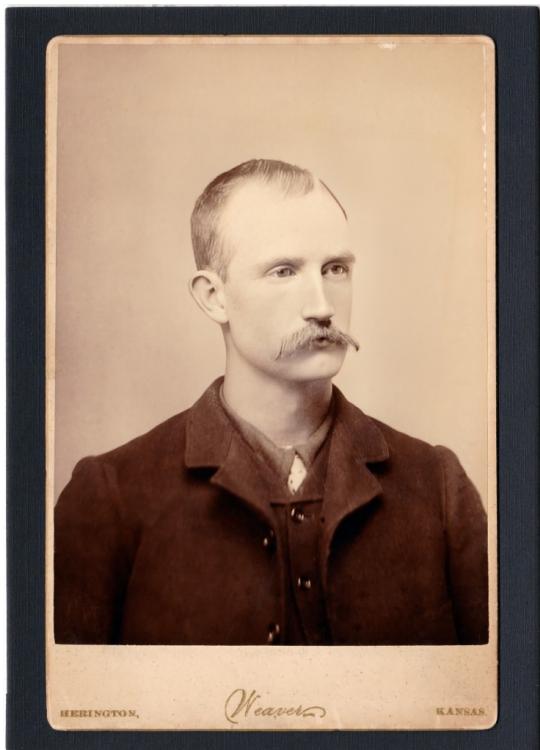
John Webb had arrived in Abilene around 1887. We don't know his first residence, or his first work.

## John and Anna married

We don't know how John and Anna met. But on July 2, 1889, John Webb and Anna Buhrer were married by the Justice of the Peace in Abilene, Kansas.

THE WEATHER.		ABOUT PEOPLE.	
Careful daily observations, reported by W. P. Gulick, of the Abilene Drug Co.			
THERMOMETER.			
9 o'clock.....	78	2 o'clock.....	89
12 " "	88	4 " "	82
THE SUN.		THE MOON.	
Rises.....	4:35 A. M.	Sets.....	11:01 P. M.
Sets.....	7:33 P. M.	Jupiter, evening star.	
<b>The Reflector.</b>			
Tuesday Evening, July 2, 1889.			
ANNOUNCEMENT.			
COUNTY TREASURER.			
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the Republican county convention.			
RECENT REF			
Dr. E. Bergstresser street.			
Ice cream and will be only 15 cents.			
Go to the social concert; you will especially invited.			
The marshal is			
Wedded.			
Judge Quinn performed this afternoon the marriage service which bound together <u>John W. Webb</u> and <u>Annie M. Buhrer</u> , both of Chapman, who came to the county seat to have the job done up in good style.			

*The Abilene Reflector – July 2, 1889*



John Wesley Webb – c 1887



Sexton, Abilene, Kansas,  
Anna Mary Buhrer – Abilene, Kansas – c 1888

The newspaper article that reports the marriage of John and Anna is from The Abilene Reflector, July 2, 1889. However, some of our family genealogy documents record the wedding date as July 2, 1888, a year earlier.

It's hard to believe that the newspaper would report a marriage one year later. Hmmmm.

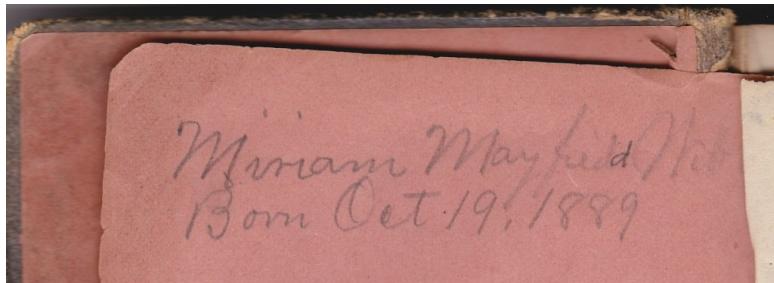
Mistakes in genealogical records are common.

I don't have their marriage license. It would be the final authority. Read on...

## They started a family

John and Anna's first child, Miriam Mayfield Webb, was born on October 19, 1889. She was called May. Was this four months after her parents' marriage? Or a year and four months?

October 19 was also Anna's birthday. She was born in 1867, twenty-two years earlier.



*Miriam Mayfield Webb – Born October 19, 1889 – Webb Family Bible*

Do you think May was born four months after John and Anna married? I'll leave that for another researcher.

## The Westcott Ranch

By around 1889 or 1890, John Webb worked on the Westcott Ranch. His family lived in one of the ranch houses and John worked for J.H. Harman, the ranch superintendent.

J.M. Westcott was a wealthy industrialist from Richmond, Indiana. He owned the bank in Solomon, Kansas, in Dickinson County.

Westcott owned a huge ranch three miles south of Solomon. These 1887 and 1894 newspaper clippings evidence the huge size of the ranch:

- 3,500 and later 4,000 acres.
- 1,000 cattle
- 500 sheep
- 300 hogs
- 125 fancy draft horses



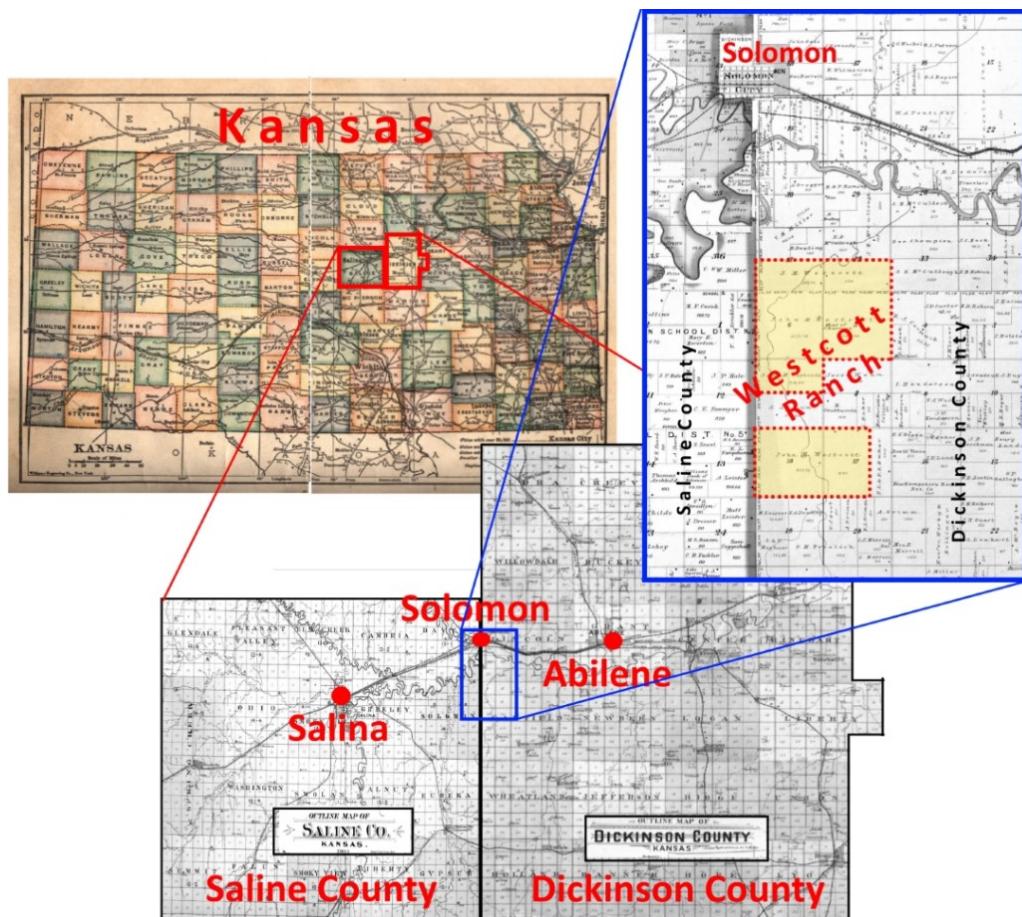
J. Harman, superintendent of the Westcott ranch, near Solomon, was in town Tuesday, and was one of the new subscribers who on that day joined the GAZETTE procession. Mr. Harman has been superintendent of the Westcott ranch over 15 years. The ranch contains 4,000 acres of first-class land, all under cultivation. The wheat crop on 800 acres this year is being threshed and averages 16 bushels to the acre; 1,000 acres of corn, a failure, will be cut up for "fodder." On the ranch are 125 head of Norman draft and French coach horses; cattle 200 head; Shropshire sheep 500, and 300 Poland China hogs. The ranch is one of the largest and most productive in the State, and Mr. Harman is one of the best superintendents.

*The Abilene Gazette – August 3, 1894*

**Change in the Farmers' State Bank**  
Mr. J. M. Westcott, president of the Farmers' State bank, of Solomon City, has purchased all of Mr. C. H. Dewar's stock in said bank, thereby securing two-thirds of the capital stock, which is \$50,000, fully paid up. Mr. Westcott owns a ranch of thirty-five hundred acres of choice land three miles southeast of Solomon City, highly improved and stocked with a herd of a thousand head of high bred cattle. Mr. Westcott resides at Richmond, Ind., and is the principal owner and president of the Hoosier Drill Co., of that place, and is financially responsible for a round million of dollars. This change makes the Farmers' State bank one of the strongest and most reliable financial institutions in the state. Mr. John L. Guy still remains as cashier.

Mr. C. H. Dewar retires for the purpose of engaging in other business pursuits, and goes with the best wishes of the bank for his future success.

*The Abilene Gazette – November 10, 1887*



## 1895 Census

By 1895, John and Anna had three children.

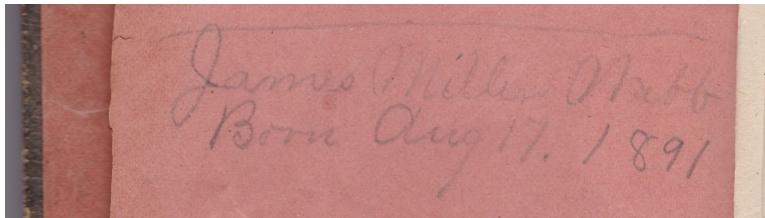
SCHEDULE I - Return to the Post Office, Abilene		Page No. 15			
The name of every person whose place of work on the first day of March, 1895, was in this family.					
Place of birth, naming state or country of United States, or country of foreign birth.					
John Webb	John Webb	30	m		
Anna	Karma	27	f		
Myrtle	Myrtilla	2	m		
James	Jemima	1	m		
Mary	Maria	5	m		
John Harman	John Harman	42	m		
ranch supt.	Elizabeth	22	f		
and family	Wm. Tate	22	m		
	John Adams	23	m		
	John Harman	21	m		
	Martha	23	f		
	George Dawson	32	m		
	Beth	32	f		
	Edward O.	7	m		
	Edith H.	"	m		

Kansas Census – John and Anna Webb – Dickinson County, Kansas – 1895

## Family Nibbles

As we've seen, Miriam Mayfield (May) was born in 1889.

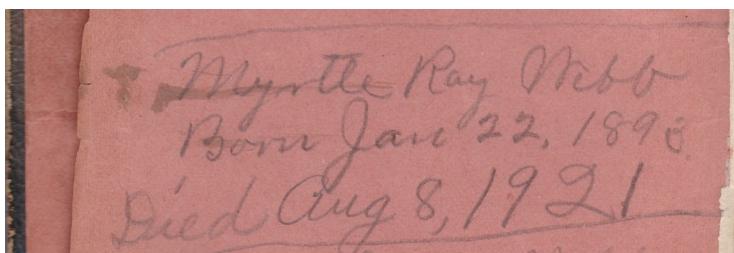
James Miller (Jim) was born August 17, 1891. Jim was named after John's father, James Miller Webb.



James Miller Webb – Born August 17, 1891 – Webb Family Bible

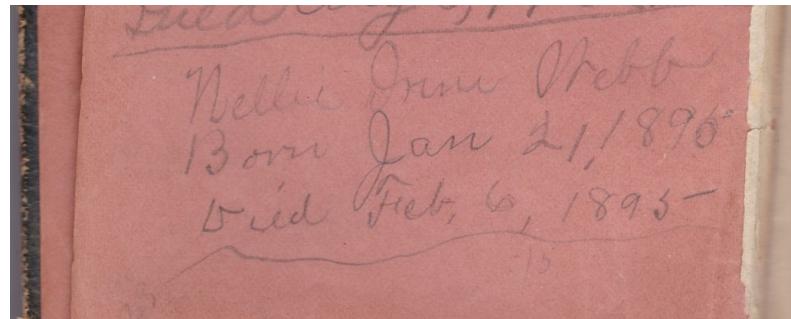


May and Jim Webb – c 1892



Myrtle Ray Webb – Born January 22, 1893 – Webb Family Bible

In January 1895, a daughter Nellie Irene was born. Sadly, Nellie died a few weeks later.



Nellie Irene Webb – Born January 21, 1895 – Died February 6, 1895 – Webb Family Bible



Webb children – c 1895 – from left – Myrtle, 2, May, 5,  
Jim, 3

## Life on the ranch – 1896, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson were presented with a baby girl Dec. 21st.

Mr. Harman, foreman of Westcott's ranch, is paying 20 cents per bushel for corn.

Miss Agnes Kirby spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. John Henderson.

Joseph Seaton has returned from his trip through eastern Kansas and seems

### Sunnyside.

Farmers are busy husking corn. The yield is not as good as was expected it would be.

John Harmon, superintendent of the Westcott ranch, is feeding 500 head of cattle. He buys all the corn he can get delivered at the ranch.

S. H. McCullough is busy threshing his half section of kaffir corn. It is yielding 40 bushels per acre. After the fodder is threshed it makes excellent

*The Abilene Monitor – January 2, 1896*

*The Abilene Monitor – December 17, 1896*



## A move to Larned

In 1898, John and Anna made the decision to move to Pawnee County. Why? I don't know. Maybe to be closer to family. Anna had lots of extended family in Pawnee County.

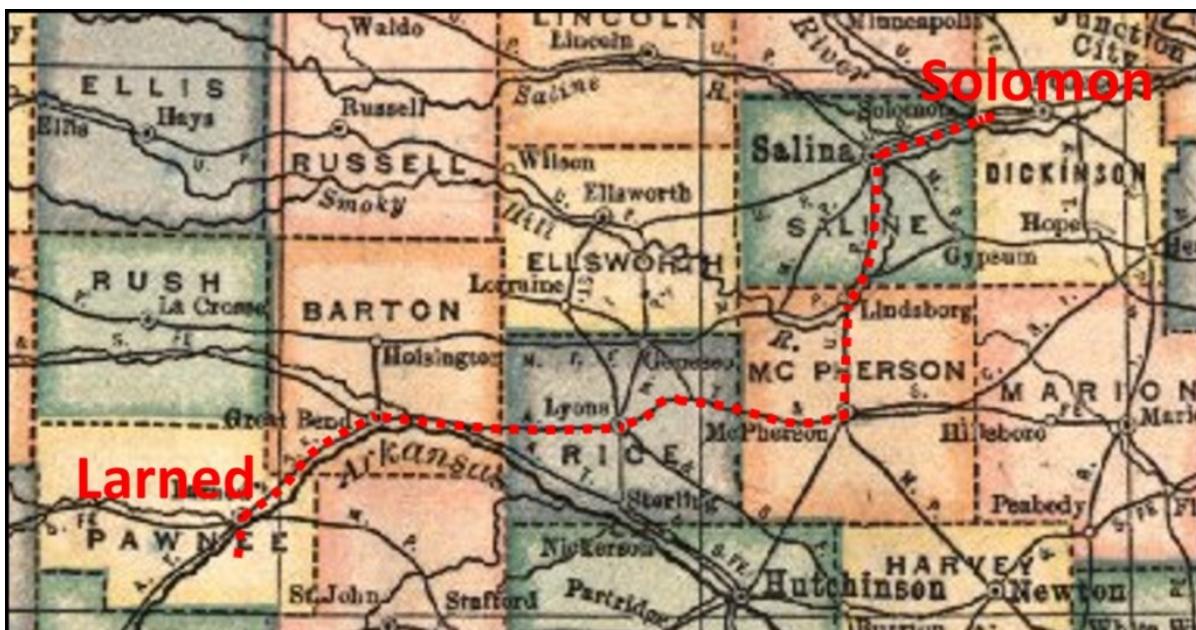
Mr. Pettit will move into the house vacated by Mr. Webb on the Westcott ranch.

John Henderson has rented his father's farm. He will not move onto

*The Abilene Monitor – August 18, 1898*

There's a family story that the Webb family moved from Dickinson County to Pawnee County in a wagon. I don't know if it's true, and I don't have evidence, so take it for what it's worth. But it's likely that old family stories have some element of truth.

It's about 160 miles, so it's not beyond the realm of possibility.



## A farm in Pawnee County 1898

However they traveled, John and Anna and family arrived in Pawnee County in 1898 and set up on a 40 acre farm south of Larned in Pleasant Valley Township, very near Anna's parents and siblings and cousins.

Here's their farmhouse.

We know they had a team of oxen, because Cousin Rick Jarvis has their oxen yoke to this day.



This house was the home of John and Anna Buhrer-Webb, just south of Larned on their little 40-acre farm. John Webb died in this house.

## Life 1899

### Pleasant Valley News.

(By "Newsboy.")

R. E. Wood is herding cattle for S. T. Garth.

Get your corn husked. Mr. Chesterman has a new corn sheller.

People generally do not seem to be in any hurry about seeding.

Birthday dinner at John Webb's Thursday in honor of his wife and little girl.

A. E. King not only hinted that he is coming back, but wrote that he is. He will be here soon.

Joe King is looking for cold weather. He is building a new 8x32 cattle shed.

Mrs. Joe King has been quite sick for the past week. Miss Mary Kauffman is working for her.

Say farmers, you had better brand your cattle, make a fence that can not be taken down in one night, count them

The Webbs were settled in on their farm south of Larned.

On Thursday, October 19, John held a birthday dinner for Anna and daughter May. Both had their birthdays on October 19. Anna was age 32, May was 10.

# 1900 Census

*Census – John and Anna Webb – Pawnee County, Kansas – 1900*

The 1900 census shows John and Anna Webb living in Pleasant Valley Township, Pawnee County, Kansas. John was age 35 and Anna 32. Their children were May, 10, Jim, 8, Myrtle, 7, and Laura, 4.

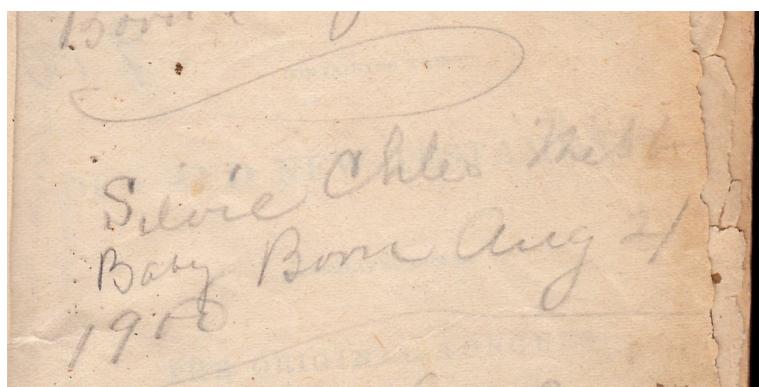
## Chleo Webb

The census was enumerated on June 6, 1900. The census didn't record that Anna was seven months pregnant.

On August 21, 1900, John and Anna had another daughter, Sylvie Chleo Webb. Chleo was born in the farmhouse south of Larned. She's our great-grandmother.

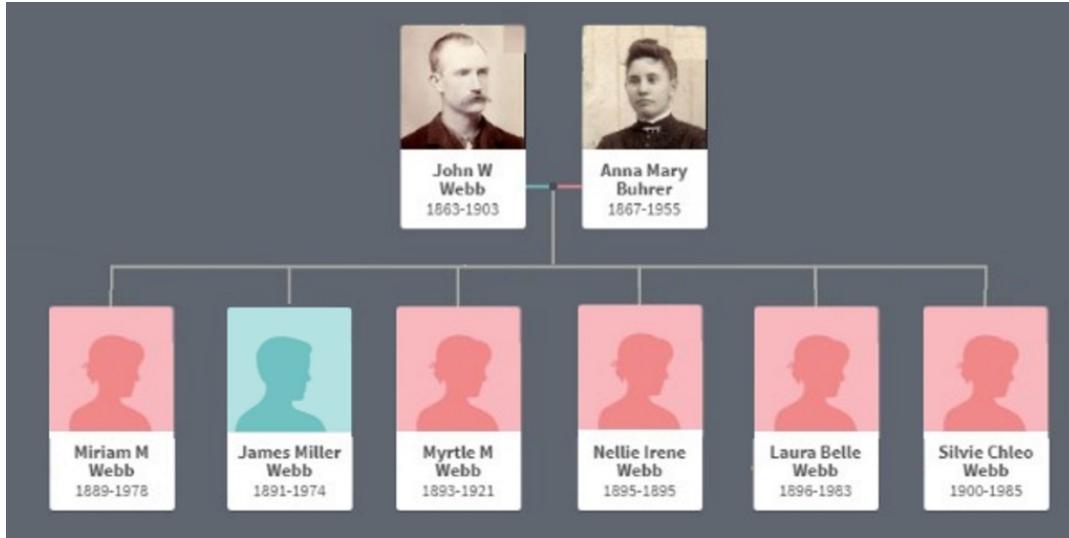


Chleo Webb – c 1901 – Age 1



Sylvie Chleo Webb – Born August 21, 1900 – Webb Family Bible

In 1900 John and Anna's family was complete.



## Life on the farm

Life for the Webb family had settled in. There was everyday work.

Lots of extended family around. Anna's parents Jacob and Catherine Buhrer lived nearby. Several of her siblings and cousins were close.

Best line of coffee in town, 12c, 20c, 25c and 30c. Fancy table syrup. Aunt Jemima pan-cake flour. Pure comb honey, 20c a pound. Pure country sorghum, best in town, at S. B. Winches-  
er's.

Marriage licences were issued this week by Probate Judge Gore to Chas. M. Bateman, of Great Bend, and Nannie C. M. Bird, of Ray, and to John H. Hays and Lucy S. Buhrers, of this coun-  
ty.

"The Fair" is the place to buy notions and novelties if you would save money on every purchase you make. C. P. Fox, the new proprietor, invites everybody to call and inspect his large stock and get prices.

*The Larned Eagle Optic – May 11, 1900*

—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Evans in this city Tuesday, who recently came here from Missouri and have bought a section of land near the Rush county line.

—Eggs For Sale.—Barred Plymouth Rocks, Single Comb Brown Leghorn and White Pekin duck. Chicken eggs, setting of 15 for 50c.; duck eggs, 50c. for 9.  
—J. J. Buhrer, Larned, Kansas.

—We have made arrangements with the Topeka Farmers' Advocate, enabling us to offer it in clubs with this paper for \$1.50 per year for both. Leave orders at this office.—THE TILLER AND TOILER.

*The Tiller and Toiler – May 31, 1901*

### PLEASANT VALLEY..

Some local showers.

Val Buhrer has a new windmill.

Ice cream at Pratt Saturday night.

Ed Casey is hauling hay from the Valley.

D. S. King and wife went to Mis-  
souri Wednesday.

Theo. Beckwith played "freeze out"  
a week or two ago.

Mrs. J. B. Zook sat beside a chair  
and sprained her wrist.

*The Tiller and Toiler – July 26, 1901*

These prices are only a few of the many bargains we have to offer. Shirts, Shoes, Hats, Gloves, Boy's Caps, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Every lady who has inspected our line of Dress Goods has pronounced them the hand-  
somest and cheapest ever shown in Larned.  
Come early, and come often.

The interest in the egg contest is on the boom. Last Saturday Mrs. John W. Webb got the prize for bringing the largest number of eggs, and Miss Lizzie Armstrong got second prize for bringing the heaviest dozen eggs.

Bring on your eggs. We want your eggs and your patronage.

# Larned, Kansas.

*The Tiller and Toiler – April 18, 1902*

## Tragedy strikes

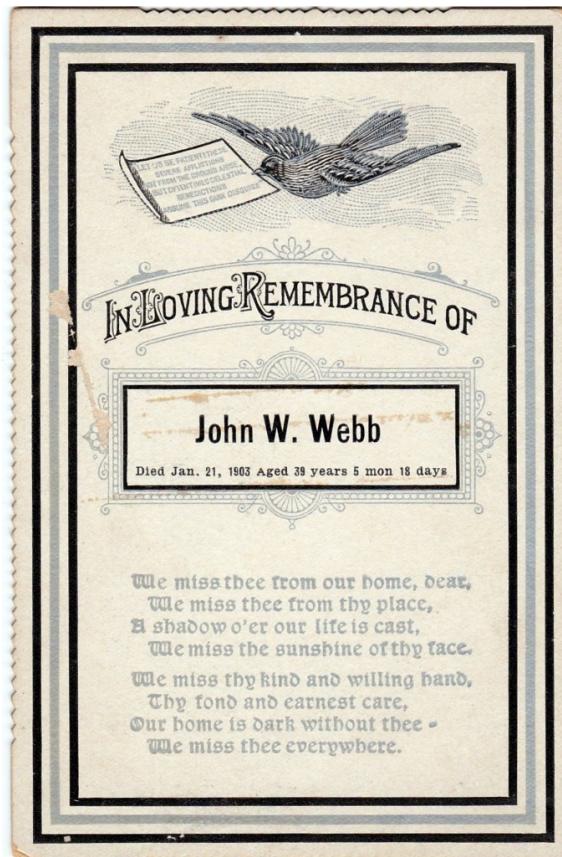
In January 1903, John contracted a serious case of tuberculosis. John died, at age 39.



**JOHN W. WEBB.**

**John W. Webb, died a victim to consumption at his home south of Larned, on Wednesday evening, January 21st, 1903. He was born in Virginia, August 3rd, 1863 and came to Kansas at the age of 21. He was married to Miss Minnie H. Buhrer July 2nd, 1887. This union resulted in five children, all left to mourn the loss of a dutiful father. The remains were interred in the Larned cemetery today, the funeral held at the Presbyterian church at two o'clock and the sermon preached by Rev. A. H. Park, of Hutchinson. The A. O. U. W's. had charge of the remains.**

*The Larned Chronoscope – January 23, 1903*



## It's not fair

We've seen this happen so often in our family history. A spouse dies at a young age, leaving a single mother or father with children.

And we've often seen pneumonia and tuberculosis as the culprit.

No, it's not fair. But that didn't help the poor victim that suffered and died. And it didn't help the survivors that had a difficult time providing for a family as a single parent.



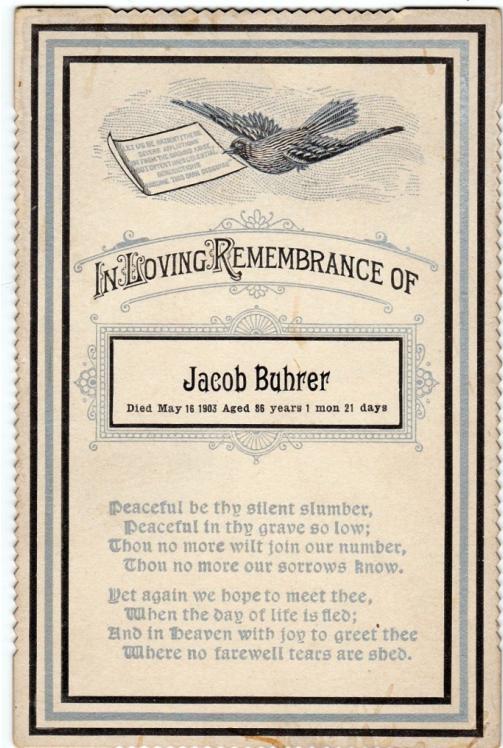
It's easy to take our modern health care and medicines for granted. These family stories remind us to be thankful that these diseases are much less fatal today.

## Jacob Buhrer died too

In May 1903, just a few months after John Webb's death, Anna's father Jacob Buhrer died. He was age 86.



Jacob Buhrer – March 25, 1817 – May 16, 1903 – Pleasant Valley Cemetery – Pawnee County, Kansas



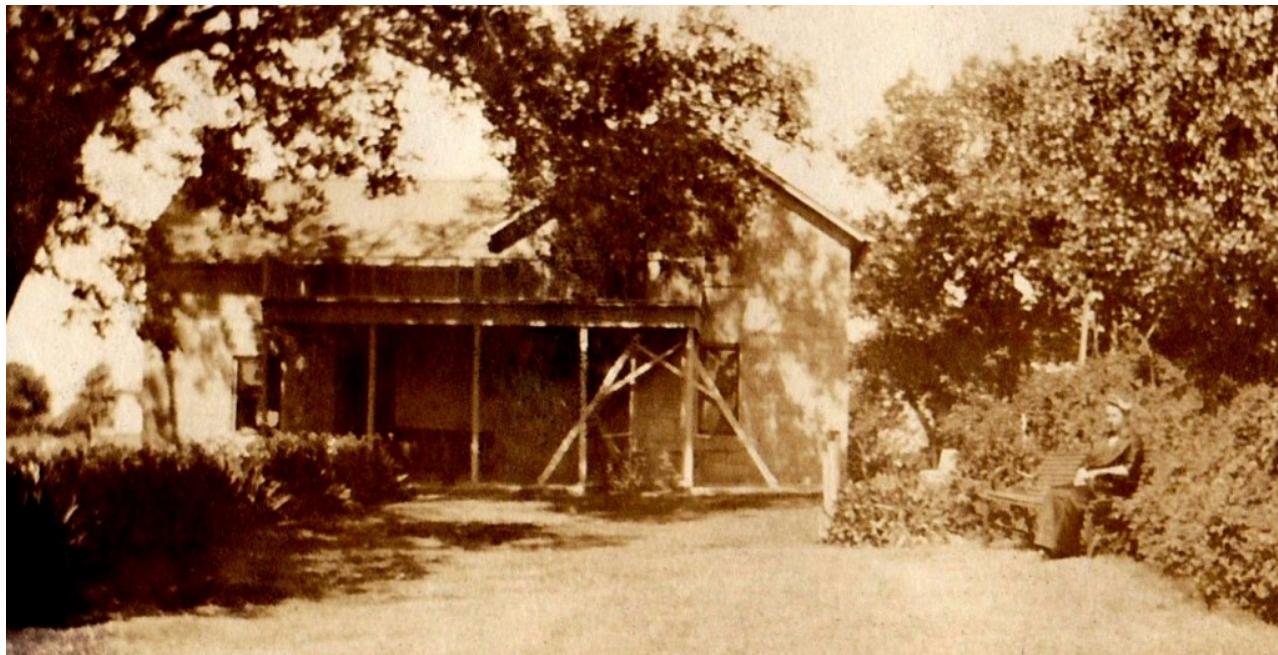
# The Rock House

John Webb had died in January 1903.

Shortly after John died, Anna moved the family to the town of Larned. She decided she'd be better able to raise five children with a job in town instead of farming. She moved to the "Rock House."



The "Rock House" has an exalted position in family lore. We've all heard stories about it.



*Anna Webb on bench in front yard of the rock house*

## Family events

The house was the center of Webb and Buhrer events in town for several decades. Some of Anna's nieces moved from their farms and lived in the rock house while attending high school in Larned. Anna's parents and siblings visited when they came into Larned.

Ralph Jarvis and Chleo Webb married and lived in the rock house. My father, Mel Jarvis, was born in the rock house.

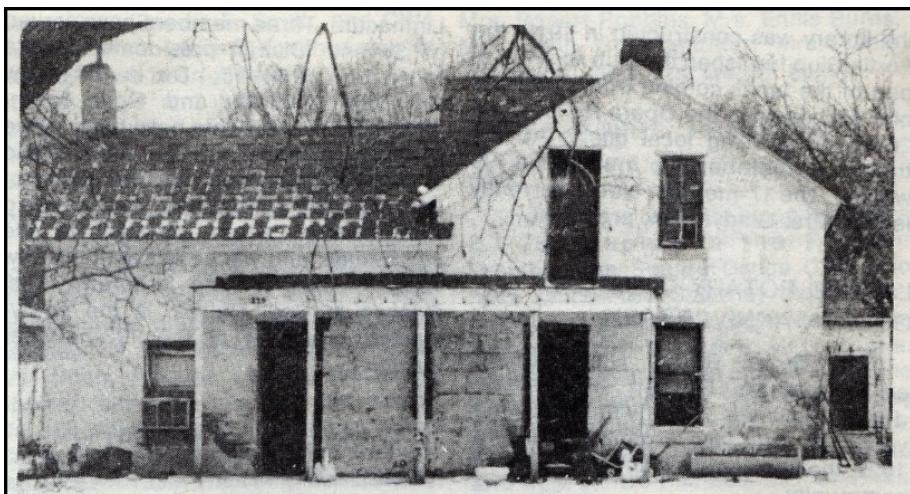
And, of course, Anna's own children were raised in the rock house.



*The Rock House (looking west) – 219 Kansas Street – Larned, Kansas – c 1908 - Anna Webb's family - (l to r) Myrtle, 14, May, 18, Jim, 16, Laura, 11, Anna, 40, Chleo, 6*

## The history

The house was one of the earliest structures in the town of Larned. It had gunports, small openings for watching for danger and for rifle openings.



### **Early Day Homes Of Larned Vicinity**

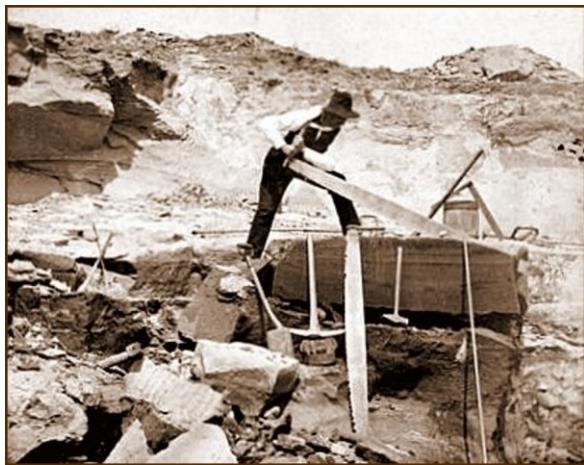
*ABOVE is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cole at 219 Kansas Street. Built of native sandstone, the home was one of the first permanent structures to be constructed in Larned. It was equipped with gun ports to facilitate fighting hostile Indians.*

*219 Kansas Street, Larned, Kansas – The Rock House – The Coles were later owners – Panorama of Progress – The Tiller and Toiler – 1972*

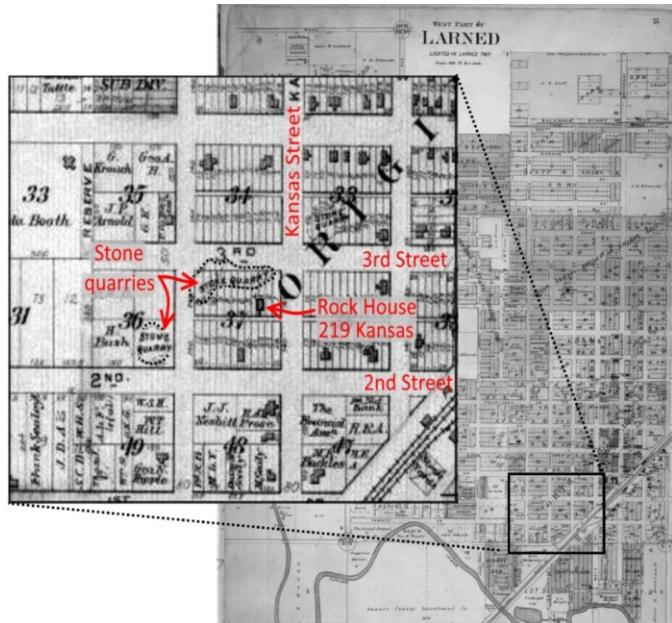
# The stone quarry

The rock for the foundations and walls was quarried on site, so the house was surrounded by the rock outcroppings.

On this 1902 map, you can see the location of the house and stone quarries. Anna bought the east half of block 37.



## *Quarrying stone - Larned, Kansas - c 1890*



The quarry surrounding the north and west sides of the house must have been a great playground when the children were young. In later years, the quarry provided the backdrop for photos.



Quarry behind the rock house – Chleo Webb (lower left and upper right)

## The gardens

Anna must have liked gardening, as there are lots of photos of the grounds around the rock house. Of notable fame are the iris beds. Several family members have iris today that came from the rock house.



*The Rock House gardens – Anna, Jim, and Cleo Webb*

## The Rock House today

Sadly, the Rock House is gone. In a research trip to Larned, I explored the site. Parts of the foundation remain, a row of hand hewn rocks. The stone face of the old quarry remains on the north and west of the property.

Here's my imaginary reconstruction of the house.



*Site of Rock House, looking north – foundation wall in foreground*

## Family Nibbles



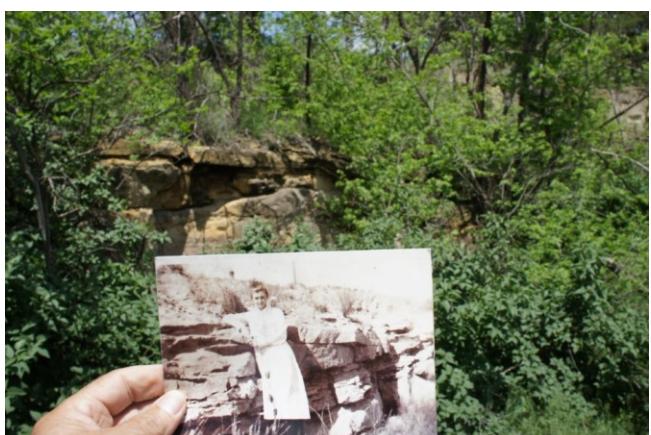
*Quarried Sandstone, south foundation wall*



*South foundation wall, looking north*



*Can you see it?*



*Chleo Webb at quarry wall*



*View from top of quarry wall*

## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

Here's the location today on Google Maps.



# Life in Larned 1900s

John Webb had died in January 1903. By 1905, Anna Webb had moved her family into the town of Larned and into the Rock House at 219 Kansas Street.



1905

Let's review the family. Anna was age 38. All five of her children were still living at home – May, 16, Jim, 14, Myrtle, 12, Laura, 9, and Chleo, 4.

Page No. ....		15.		POPULATION.		of Larneau			
SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in the Township		Post-office, Larneau		J. W. Stokes		Assessor.			
OWNERSHIP OF HOME.						DESCRIPTION.			
rented.	or mortgaged.	house.	house, sum in the order of the family.	numbered in order of family.		last birthday.	age (M.)	sex (W.)	black Indian (I.)
16.									
17. O.	G.	G.	Anna 103	103	Mrs. G. W. Webb.	38	38	P.	w 17
18. May			May.		Webb.	16	16	P.	w 18.
19. James			James.		Webb.	14	14	M.	w 19
20. Myrtle			Myrtle		Webb.	12	12	P.	w 20
21. Laura			Laura.	B. Webb.	9	9	P.	w 21	
22. Chleo			Chleo.	Webb.		4	4	P.	w 22
16.	O.	G.	G.	103	Mrs. G. W. Webb.	38	P.	w	17
17.					Webb.	38	P.	w	18.
18.					Webb.	16	P.	w	19.
19.					Webb.	14	M.	w	19
20.					Webb.	12	P.	w	20
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Kansas Census – Anna Webb – 1905



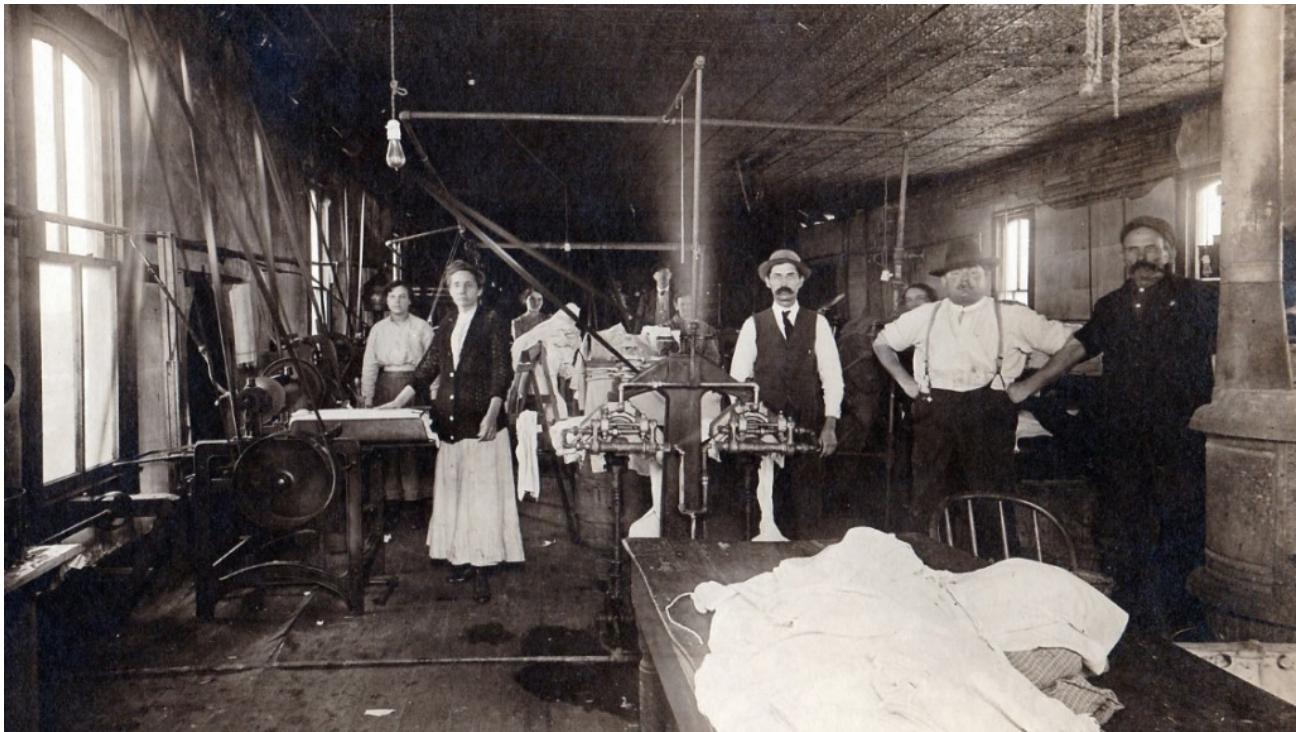
*Anna Webb family – c 1907 – back row (l to r) – Myrtle, May, Jim – front row (l to r)  
– Chleo, Anna, Laura*

## The Ideal Steam Laundry

Anna went to work at the Ideal Steam Laundry. So did her daughters. At various times, Myrtle, Laura, and Chleo worked at the laundry.

## Family Nibbles

Anna worked at the laundry for quite a few years. We're lucky to have this great photo of Anna at work.



*Anna Webb (left foreground) – Ideal Steam Laundry – c 1910*

Just for fun, here's a colorized version of the photo...



The laundry prided itself on its modern technology and environment for workers. It ran a pickup and delivery service to small towns surrounding Larned. Here's the new building, opened in 1916.

**A MODEL LAUNDRY PLANT.**

**A Larned Institution Built Up by Home Patronage.**

The new building and plant of the Ideal Steam Laundry is now complete and in full running order. The new building and equipment make it the

tilation and more light for the room below.

The floor is of concrete, well supplied with sewer drains at all the machines, to carry off the surplus water. The white walls, tables and furniture and the sanitary way in which the room is kept reminds one of the hospital operating room.

purposes. One irons the cuffs of a shirt and the neckband, the next irons the bosom, the next the body of the shirt and the sleeves, etc. There are nine machines in this combination, which have a capacity of ninety finished shirts an hour. For the ironing and shaping of collars there are a number of different machines. These

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Larned Chronoscope – June 29, 1916

## 1910 Census

In 1910, Anna was living at 219 Kansas Street with four of her children.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS											
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910—POPULATION											
NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE											
<i>Larned Township</i>											
NAME OF HOUSEHOLDER	RELATION,	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.	SEX.	AGE	NATIONALITY.	EDUCATION	EMPLOYMENT	INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION	TRADE OR PROFESSION, IF ANY	GENERAL STATUS
Anna Webb	Wife	17 wif	Female	31	10 71 m 14 74	8	Domestic	1	43	0	0
Jim	Son	29 31 32	Male	Anna m	26 10 41 s	8	10 43 100	16 m	18	71	71
Myrtle	Daughter	—	Female	—	—	8	10 17 8	17	—	—	—
Laura	Daughter	—	Female	—	—	8	10 13 8	13	—	—	—
Chleo	Daughter	—	Female	—	—	5	11 9 8	9	—	—	—

Census – Anna Webb – 1910

## Family Nibbles

Living at home were Anna, 43, Jim, 18, Myrtle, 17, Laura, 13, and Cleo, 9.

May had married Tom Sooby in 1908, so she wasn't living at home.

## Family social events

Anna Webb's family had parents, siblings, and cousins living in and around Larned. Anna's mother Catherine Theobald Buhrer was nearby. Sisters and brothers Philipena, Jake, Valentine, and Lucy and their families were living in Pawnee County.

The families visited and socialized often.

Mushrooms, French peas, onion salt and bouillon cubes at Case's Grocery.

Mrs. Caroline Haunhesser arrived on Monday from Chapman, Kan., to visit her sister, Mrs. Anna Webb, for a short time.

Miss Helen Stewart of Spearville was visiting friends here Monday on her way to Manhattan, where she is attending school.

R. M. Johnson and Sons ask all indebted to them to please call at their home, one block west of the store, and settle their accounts at once.

Visit from sister Caroline (Buhrer Sigg Haunhesser) - Larned Chronoscope - January 8, 1914

### SOUTHSIDE.

J. R. Garner left Tuesday evening for Oregon, Mo., for a few weeks' visit with his father, who is still very ill.

Mrs. Anna Webb and daughters, Miss Laura and Cleo, of Larned visited Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. John Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Val Buhrer and family and Mrs. Amanda Cline visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Garner.

Larned Chronoscope - January 15, 1915

Montgomery has been living with her home in Larned since the death of her husband some time ago, but after disposing of her property decided to make her home with her children.

Mr. Thomas W. Sooby and Miss Miriam Maefield Webb were united in marriage Thursday of last week by Probate Judge Stockman at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. W. Webb, in the south part of Larned. Both the groom and his bride are well and favorably known to a large circle of friends in this community, with whom this paper joins in extending best wishes for future happiness and prosperity.

Ed. Casey's dray and transfer wagons do all kinds of delivering or hauling to the depots or to any other place in the city limits, at any time DAY OR NIGHT. 'Phone 109 gets the office, which is open every hour during the day and where a

*The Tiller and Toiler - August 14, 1908*

THE A. B. BILL CUMBER CO., vouchers cashed for James Foss .....	6 00
J R Hanna, labor on enlvert.....	3 00
<b>POOR FUND</b>	
M W Wax, boarding Mrs. Martha Robinson.....	52 00
Rufus Middleworth, pension for January.....	15 00
Lena Haag, pension for January.....	15 00
Ada Vanderbeek, pension for January .....	8 00

H H Reed, Treas Good Fellows, dr <sup>v</sup> goods for Mrs Lynch, Mrs Hawk, Mrs Simmons, Anna Webb, Mrs Evans .....	15 18
<i>for men &amp; women - groceries - for</i>	

John Caro, Carl Strause, B F Dev- erick .....	14 25
H H Reed, Treas Good Fellows, dr <sup>v</sup> goods for Mrs Lynch, Mrs Hawk, Mrs Simmons, Anna Webb, Mrs Evans .....	15 18
Gertie Kennedy, boarding Ralph Kennedy .....	10 00
Pawnee Co Grain & Supply Co, coal for M Davis, F Norman, O L Scaggs, Kate Wood, Wm Hall, Mrs Wallace, county farm .....	84 52

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct list of the bills allowed by the board of county commissioners of Pawnee county, Kansas, at their February, 1914, session, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. C. WARE, County Clerk.

Anna received goods purchased by Poor Fund - Larned Chronoscope - February 12, 1914

## THE TILLER AND TOILER, LARNED, KANSAS

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RIES

### SOUTH SIDE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Buhrer and family, Mrs. Anna Webb and family of Larned, and Mr. and Mrs. Val Buhrer and family visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays. \*\*\* Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline left Tuesday evening for Holt county, Mo.

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Larned Chronoscope - March 25, 1915

1915

## *Kansas census – Anna Webb – 1915*

By 1915, only Chleo still lived at home with Anna.

Myrtle and Laura married in 1915. Jim worked on relatives' farms in western Kansas.

In May 1915, Myrtle Webb, age 22, married Carlos Worrell. In September 1915, Laura Webb, age 19, married Oral Baxter.

Webb-Worrell.

A quiet home wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Anna Webb in this city, when her second daughter, Miss Myrtle Rhea, was married to Mr. Carlos K. Worrell.

The ceremony was pronounced at six o'clock by Rev. C. A. Kitch, in the presence of the immediate relatives. The young people were attended by Miss Cleo Webb, sister of the bride, and Mr. Wayne Worrell, brother of the groom. Following the congratulations, the wedding supper was served by the bride's mother, assisted by Mrs. T. W. Sooby and Mrs. H. B. Bowman.

Both the bride and groom are well known in this community, and have many friends who extend to them their best wishes for a long and happy life. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Worrell, and has always lived in this county, and is an enterprising young farmer. The bride has lived in Larned for a number of years and was employed at the Ideal Laundry at different times.

The young people will go to house-keeping at once on a farm south of Macksville.

# SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

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## Webb-Baxter.

Mr. Orlie Baxter and Miss Laura Webb were quietly married Wednesday evening, Sept. 1, by Probate Judge Stockman, at his home. The only ones who witnessed the ceremony were Mr. Baxter's parents.

Mrs. Baxter is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Webb of this city and has always made Larned her home. She has been employed at the Ideal steam laundry for several years. Mr. Baxter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Baxter and has grown to manhood in Larned. He has been employed with the Public meat market for the past several years.

Both the bride and groom have many friends in Larned who wish them much happiness. They will make their home with Mr. Baxter's parents on South Broadway for the present.

*The Tiller and Toiler* – September 10, 1915

## Jim Webb

Jim was born in 1891, so he was age 24 in 1915.

Jim Webb worked as a farmer and rancher. He often stayed and worked on farms of his cousins in Pawnee County and farther west in Kansas.

This is one of my favorite family photos. Jim Webb is on a cattle roundup in western Kansas.



*Jim Webb (center, on white horse) – Western Kansas – c 1915*

Jim didn't marry. When Chleo's husband died, brother Jim came to live with her and help work her farm.

When we were growing up, Uncle Jim was our proxy grandfather.

## Nibbles Extra Credit

### Did Anna ever smile?

While working on these series of stories, we were reviewing lots of photos. Cathy Jarvis asked me, "Did Anna Webb ever smile?"

Well, it did seem like there were lots of photos without a smile.



I remembered Anna ("Grandma Webb") when I was a kid. I was age 7 when she died. And, no, I don't remember her smiling.



I'm sure she smiled. It just wasn't captured on a photo.

I tried an animation to see if I could get her to smile. Almost...



## Timeline

Year	Event
1900	Silvie Chleo Webb (1G) born on August 21 to John and Anna in Larned KS
1900	US population is nearly 76 million
1900	Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G) living in Rising Sun, Ohio County, IN
1900	Anna Jarvis (2G) and kids living with mother Eliza Burton in Greensburg IN
1900	Frank Baum publishes book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"
1901	President McKinley shot by anarchist, dies. Succeeded by Teddy Roosevelt
1901	Anna Burton Jarvis (2G) married Harrison Mounts in Greensburg IN, age 30
1901	US Steel founded by John Pierpont Morgan
1901	Queen Victoria of Britain dies after 63 years on the throne
1901	Walt Disney is born
1902	Opal B Jarvis, daughter of Newton and Anna (2G) died in Greensburg, age 3
1902	Caleb Bradham launches Pepsi in back room of his North Carolina pharmacy
1903	US acquires Panama Canal zone, takes over work of French
1903	Wright Brothers make first heavier-than-air flight at Kitty Hawk, NC
1903	John Wesley Webb (2G) dies in Pawnee County, Kansas
1903	Jack London publishes "The Call of the Wild"
1903	Ford Motor Company is formed
1904	First baseball World Series is played
1904	Helen Keller, deaf and blind, graduates cum laude at Radcliffe College
1904	J.M. Barrie's play "Peter Pan" premieres in London
1905	Martha Ann Buchanan Jarvis (3G) died March 19 in Rising Sun IN, age 69
1905	Anna Webb (2G) moves to "rock house" in Larned Kansas
1905	Albert Einstein published Theory of Relativity and equation $e = mc^2$
1905	Norwegians vote 360,000 to 184 to end union with Sweden
1906	Anna Webb and several daughters work at Ideal Steam Laundry in Larned KS
1906	San Francisco earthquake leaves 500 dead and destroys city center
1906	Mahatma Gandhi begins passive resistance movement after discrimination
1907	Chleo Webb contracts diphtheria, but recovers
1907	William Jasper Jarvis dies at age 54, son of Joseph and Martha Jarvis (3G)
1907	Oklahoma is admitted as the 46th state
1907	Maria Montessori opens 1st Casa dei Bambini in deprived district in Rome
1908	Ford Model T begins production, continues until 1927
1908	Ernest Shackleton expedition locates the South Pole
1909	First lady Taft has 80 Japanese cherry trees planted along Potomac basin

## Chleo Webb

Chleo Webb (1G) had been born in 1900 on the farm south of Larned. She was the youngest of the five children.



*Chleo Webb – age 1 - c 1901*



Chleo grew up in the Rock House in Larned with her three older sisters and one older brother Jim. The age difference with her sisters was 5, 8, and 12 years. Jim was 9 years older.

*Chleo Webb – age 7 - c 1907*

## Diphtheria

In 1907, Chleo contracted diphtheria. She was lucky.

Edith, the 7-year-old daughter of C. J. Webster, has been very ill with scarlet fever, and the entire family has been in quarantine as one result. Dr. Ewing is in attendance, and reports the little one improving.

The little 7-year-old daughter of Mrs. Anna Webb of the Third ward has been very ill the past week with diphtheria, necessitating the quarantining of the home. Dr. Ewing reports the child as much improved at this writing.

Carl Welch has moved his family to town and is now occupying the Ingels house on West Seventh street formerly

*The Tiller and Toiler – February 1, 1907*



*Diphtheria – a ghostly figure tries to strangle a diphtheria patient*

*Diphtheria (Corynebacterium diphtheriae), an acute bacterial infection spread by personal contact, was the most feared of all childhood diseases.*

*One of every ten children infected died from this disease. Symptoms ranged from severe sore throat to suffocation due to a 'false membrane' covering the larynx. The disease primarily affected children under the age of 5.*

*Until treatment became widely available in the 1920s, the public viewed this disease as a death sentence.*

*Deadly Diphtheria: the children's plague*

## Daily life

Chleo attended public school in Larned.

She worked at the laundry, attended school and Sunday School, and did chores at home.

By 1915, Chleo's sisters were married. So at age 15 she was the only child living at home.

Visits with their many relatives were always on the social agenda.



Anna and Chleo Webb – c 1915

**SOUTHSIDE**

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King entertained relatives Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Kimmel and little son Albert are visiting relatives in Larned.

Miss Helen Thompson visited Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Zook.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Clark of Belpre and E. H. Kimmel called on Mr. and Mrs. Garner Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Webb and daughter, Miss Cleo, of Larned are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Val Buhrer and other relatives in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hays entertained Mr. and Mrs. Val Buhrer and family and Mrs. Anna Webb and Miss Cleo Webb of Larned Sunday at dinner.

A. E. King butchered hogs Thursday of last week and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Zook and J. W. Zook helped Will Collins with butchering work the same day.

Mrs. Dudley Posey visited friends in Larned Tuesday and Wednesday of

Larned Chronoscope – March 9, 1916

Chleo and Anna were active in Royal Neighbors, a social organization. In this news article, they were members of the drill team.

**Royal Neighbors at Great Bend.**  
The drill team of the Larned Royal Neighbors lodge, accompanied by many of the members of the lodge, attended the third annual district convention of Royal Neighbors, held at Geat Bend last week. At this meeting Mrs. Warren Charles of Kinsley, sister-in-law of Mrs. Harvey Eckert, was elected president of the Fourth annual district convention, which will be held in Kinsley next year. Following are the names of the persons who composed the Larned team: Charles Burleson, captain; Mrs. Minnie Arnsperger, Mrs. Anna Webb, Miss May Simmons, Mrs. Ethel Evans, Miss Joetta Wilds, Mrs. Anna Byers, Mrs. Jim Banks, Mrs. Lulu Purcell, Mrs. Joe Felstead, Miss Ethel Eby, Mrs. A. A. Wilds, Mrs. Tom Banks, Mrs. Ollie Jones, Mrs. Mame Jaco, Miss Cleo Webb, Miss Maggie Hullett. Other members of the Larned lodge who at-

The Tiller and Toiler – May 12, 1916

## Loyal Bereans

Here are photos of Chleo's Sunday School class, the Loyal Bereans.



Chleo Webb – Loyal Bereans – 1914

The term Bereans is derived from the Bible's Book of Acts. It refers to the people of Berea, who were "more noble" than the Thessalonians, and accepted the Christian scripture. The Bereans studied the Bible daily to learn scripture, ostensibly more than other groups.

*And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so*

*Acts 17:10,11*

Many churches, sects, and bible study groups have adopted the term Berean.

In Larned newspapers, there were at least four churches with a Berean Sunday School class. The term "Loyal Bereans" was only found for the First Christian Church. So I think that was Chleo's Sunday School Bible Study class.



Chleo Webb – Loyal Bereans – c 1915

## Chleo's postcards

Chleo kept a postcard scrapbook. In it we can discover family tidbits that we can't get from censuses and land records. She also kept a scrapbook of magazine clippings of women's clothing styles and ads she liked. You'll notice in future stories how Chleo is a fashion maven.

### Ice Cream Social.

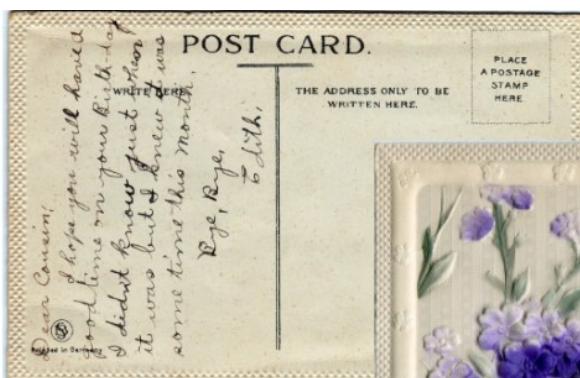
The Loyal Berean Class of the Christian Sunday school will give a lawn social at the home of their teacher, Mrs. M. E. Andress, 1401 North Broadway, Friday evening, June 11th. Everyone welcome. Ice cream and cake will be served for 10c.

First class service at Case's Grocery.

Larned Chronoscope – June 10, 1915

## Family Nibbles

Here are a few examples.



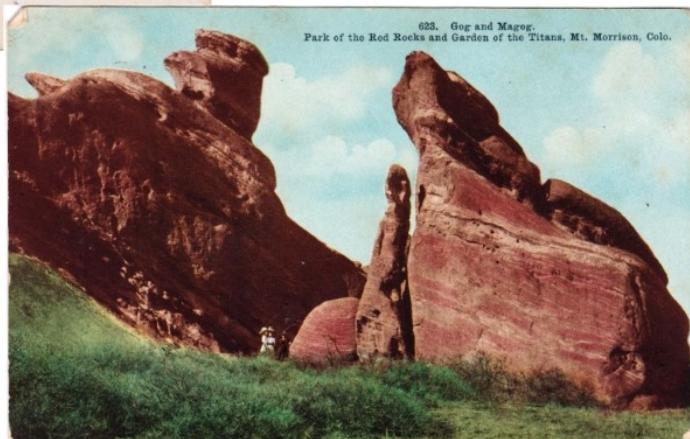
Edith Sooby is Chleo's niece, the daughter of Chleo's sister May Webb Sooby and Thomas Sooby.



**Dear Cousin**  
I would write  
sooner but I didn't  
have the card.  
We had one little  
rain, but we are  
having snow now.

Yours truly  
from Alexander R.

Alex Rooney was Chleo's cousin, son of Anna's sister Christina Buhrer Rooney and Otis Albert Rooney. They lived on the Rooney Ranch, which included part of Red Rocks park. The ranch once covered 4,400 acres. The ranch house is used today as a visitor's center. The ranch was founded by Alex's grandfather, Alexander Rooney, in 1860. The ranch passed to his father Otis, and then to Alex. We visited Alex at the ranch with my father in the 1960s.



Google "Rooney Ranch Colorado" for a lot more interesting info on the ranch history and use today.

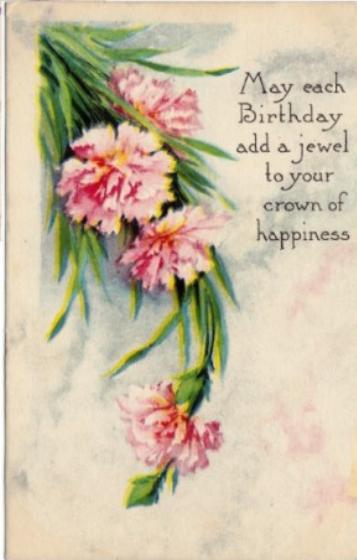
Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920



Dear Chleo. Will  
you be out to take  
supper with us  
wed. night. We are  
looking for you.  
Wish you many more  
happy birthdays.  
Carl Myrtle Wesley

Sister Myrtle is inviting Chleo  
out to their farm for supper  
on Chleo's 17th birthday.

1917



Dear Chleo, Got your card this  
morning. Am going to the fair  
grounds now. Give my love to all.  
Not quite broke but soon will be  
if we don't leave this town. Are  
going to stop over at Deerfield and  
Dodge on our way home.

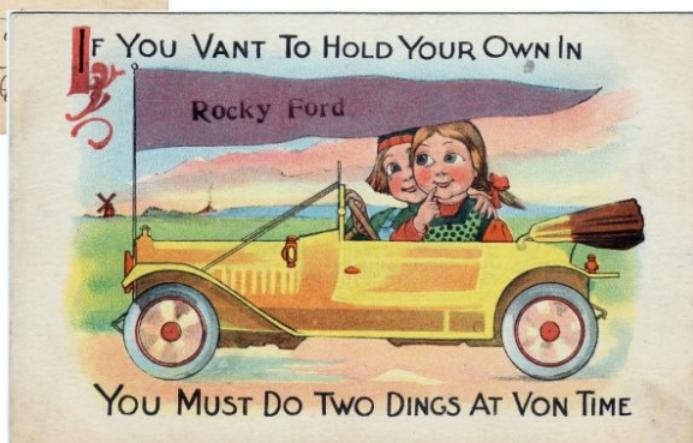
Laura

Kiss John for me.

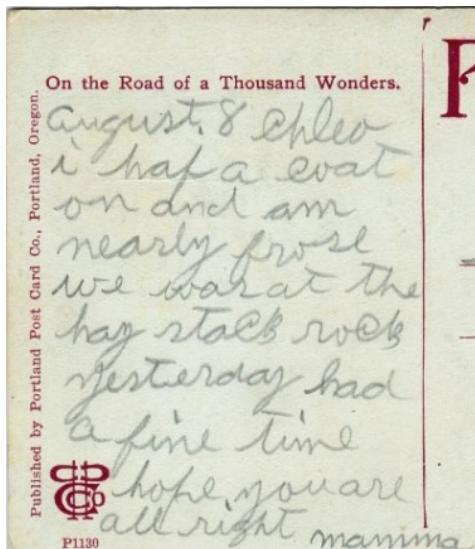
Chleo's sister Laura Webb is writing  
from Rocky Ford, Colorado. She's making  
stops at Deerfield and Dodge City on  
the way home.

September 3, 1914

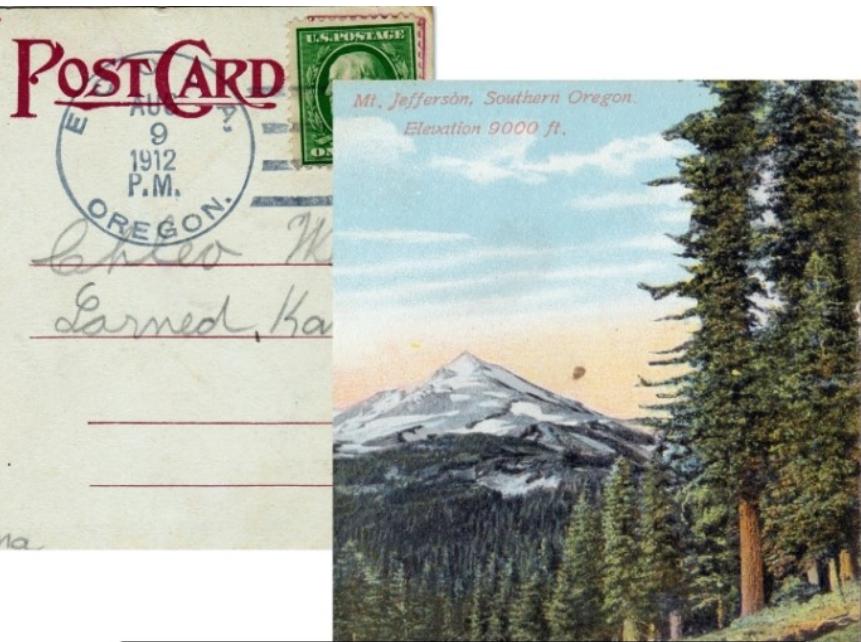
I don't know who John is.



Family Nibbles



August 8 Cleo  
I haf a evat  
on and am nearly frose  
We war at the hay stack  
rock yesterday had a fine  
time hope you are all right  
Mamma

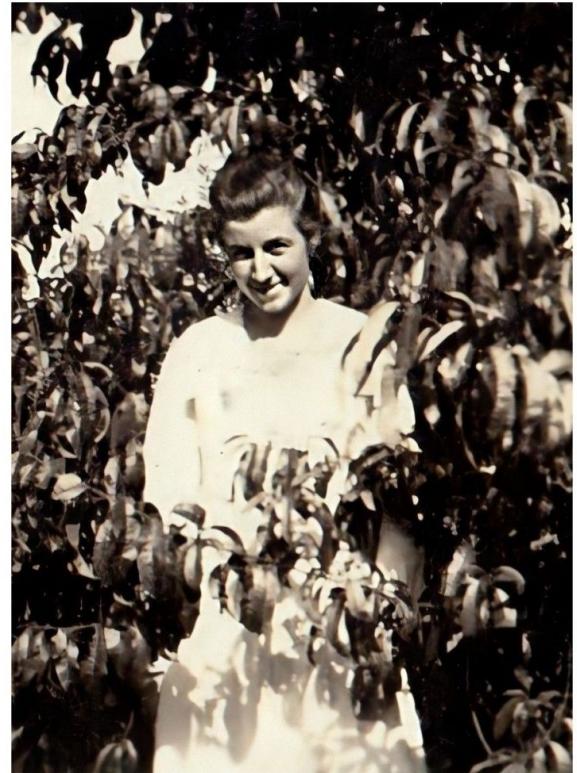


Mrs. Anna M. Webb left Tuesday morning for a visit of a month or so with relatives at various points in Idaho and Washington.

The Tiller and Toiler, August 2, 1912

1917

Chleo was in high school. She turned 17 in August. And she met Ralph Jarvis. They began a two-year relationship that would be interrupted by World War I.



*Chleo Webb – c 1917*

# Ralph Jarvis Was Electrifying

What was going on in Larned in the spring and summer of 1916? We'll pick up on three story lines to find out.

- *Larned's new electric plant was coming online.*
- *Ralph Jarvis, 22, was in Larned, working as a lineman converting houses to the new electric system.*
- *Chleo Webb was coming of age at 16, living in the Rock House with her mother Anna.*



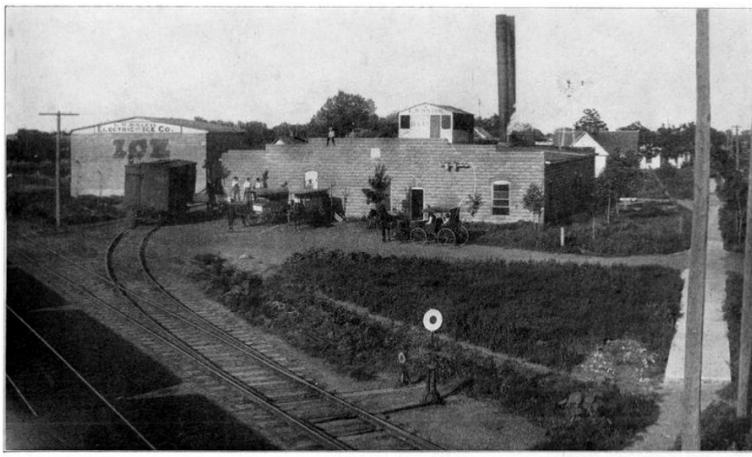
## Larned's Electricity 1914

*The meeting of the city council in February 1914 is an important date in local history. The meeting is recorded as the time and place when the decisive step was taken towards giving the City of Larned the right to own its electric lighting system as well as water works.*

*Larned's Public Power: Then & Now*

Larned's citizens had voted for a municipal electrical plant, needing reliable power to pump the deep water well to supply the city's water.

Previously, some businesses and residences were supplied electricity by C. E. Smith Electric and Ice Company.



C. W. SMITH ELECTRIC AND ICE CO.

The Tiller and Toiler, established 1892.  
The Larned Eagle-Optic, established 1878.

## DOES LARNED WANT CITY LIGHT PLANT?

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WANT TO KNOW WHAT CITIZENS WANT.

Must Put In a Power Plant to Pump Water, At Once, and Light Plant Should Be Built at Same Time, If People Want It.

Mayor Lindas and the city council of Larned are in a quandary. They want to know whether the people of the town want a municipal light plant. The city is compelled to put in a power plant at once for pumping water, and the city dads want to know whether to put in only a pumping plant and take chances on the machinery and equipment being useless and a loss in case a lighting plant should be put in within a few years; or to put in a combined plant at a greater but considerable less than the two plants would cost if built separately or at different times.

*The Tiller and Toiler – January 16, 1914*

## The new Electric Plant

*Larned's new municipal electric light and power plant was to be located on the Rahn lots at Main Street and Santa Fe Trail, facing the main line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. The announcement was made January 1915. The city expected the new plant to be a sightly affair set in the middle of a park with trees, shrubs and grass surrounding it. Hence it was thought desirable to have it on the railroad, so that persons passing through Larned on the train could see it, thus obtaining advertising value from the plant.*

*Larned's Public Power: Then & Now*

The C.E. Smith Electric and Ice Company filed a lawsuit. The city of Larned was usurping its customers and business. After a year of litigation and delays, Smith lost the lawsuit at the state Supreme Court, and the construction of the new electric plant commenced.

## Engineer and Contractor

The engineers were Worley and Black of Kansas City.

*In 1915, the Engineering News Record reported the reorganization of E.B. Black's previous firm, Worley & Black, under the name of Black & Veatch. In its first years, the new company employed 12 people and established an office in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.*

*Black and Veatch – Company History*

The contractor was Taylor and McCoy, also from Kansas City.

### AWARD MUNICIPAL PLANT.

#### Council Contracts for Light and Water Plant for \$67,202.61.

~~The city council awarded the contracts for the building of the municipal light and water plant Monday and Tuesday of this week. The total cost of the plant and equipment, complete, with the exception of the white way poles, will be \$67,202.61. The style of white way poles was not settled at the awarding of the other contracts, but will not exceed \$1200, so that the modern municipal plant will come nicely under \$70,000.~~

About fifteen months ago the citizens of Larned voted \$90,000 worth of bonds to build a municipal light and water plant, the bonds carrying by a vote of nearly three to one. The city's engineers, ~~Worley & Black of Kansas City~~, made up their plans and specifications for the new plant, making an estimate of the cost at \$64,100.

Then followed an application for an injunction by the Smith Co., which they lost in the district court and appealed to the state supreme court, where the decision of the lower court was sustained. In this way a year's time was lost, and in the meantime the great European war had started and the price of all material had made a sharp advance, so that the engineers were compelled to revise their estimate of costs.

*Larned Chronoscope - July 22, 1915*

## Planning the cut over

The electric plant was nearing completion in February 1916 and ready to test.

When the plant was complete, the "cut over" would begin, moving the service from the old C.E. Smith distribution network to the new city service.

Linemen were needed. Experienced linemen would handle the high tension wires. Less experienced linemen would dismantle the old system of wires and poles.

### To Cut Over to City Plant.

At the meeting of the city council Monday night, S. W. Pierce was employed to superintend the cutting over

The actual cutting over of the service wires is work for experienced linemen, as there is great risk in handling the high tension wires. The

was anxious to have Mr. Pierce begin work as soon as possible, and gave him the position with the understanding that he would begin the work at

familiar with the old system. Several linemen will be used in the cutting over work, while the work of wrecking the old line and taking up the poles does not require men especially skilled.

would be a valuable man in the cutting over from the old plant, if he could be secured, as he was perfectly familiar with the old system. Several linemen will be used in the cutting over work, while the work of wrecking

Larned Chronoscope – February 24, 1916

## Ralph Jarvis was in Salina in February

R. H. Jarvis, a roomer at the Y.M.C.A., was taken to St. John's hospital for treatment today. Mr. Jarvis is suffering from a relapse after an attack of the mumps

The Salina Evening Journal – February 19, 1916

Ralph Jarvis was in Kansas. We first find him in Salina, Kansas in February 1916, where he was hospitalized for relapse of mumps. He was rooming at the YMCA.

Was he working in Salina? Was he working as a lineman? Unfortunately, we don't know.

## The Electric Plant is complete!

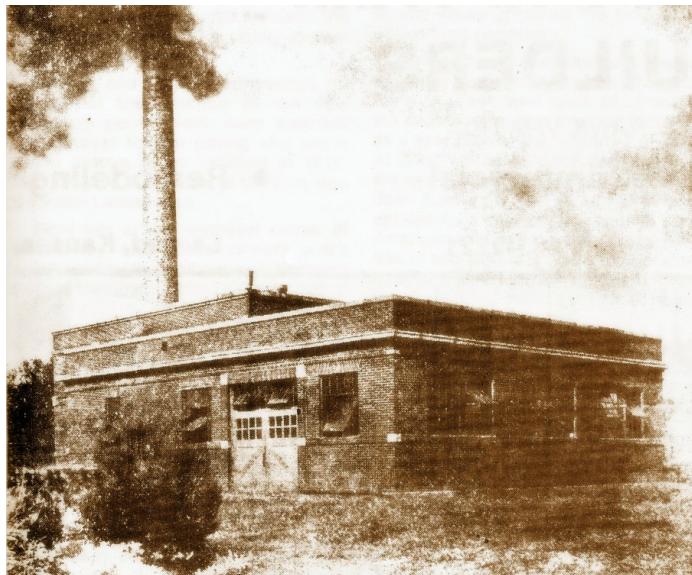
On Tuesday, April 18, 1916, Larned took possession of its new electric plant. That evening, the new plant supplied electricity to the town.

But the cut over for the residential areas of town was yet to be done.

The city would run distribution lines up the alleys, where the old system had poles and wire in the streets. Then, each house would have to wire incoming service from the alley lines instead of the street lines.

The experienced linemen would run the poles and wires through the alleys. Less experienced linemen would dismantle the poles and wires in the streets.

Then the homeowner could arrange for the city or a private contractor to change the service from the new system to their house.



Larned Municipal Power Plant shown soon after the building was completed. Coal was the fuel used to fire the boiler. Tiller and Toiler - 1916

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CITY PLANT AT LAST.

New Municipal Electric Plant

### New Municipal Electric Plant Now Lighting Larned.

Larned took over its new \$90,000 municipal electric light and power plant on Tuesday, and that evening the new plant supplied the current for the lights in the city.

ance due the Smith Co. on the old plant was ordered paid.

At the meeting Monday night, the council elected S. M. Pierce as superintendent of the light plant. He will

Smith plant. The cutting over from the old distributing system to the new, and the changing of the supply wires to the residences, will be done as rapidly as possible. The city's distributing lines run up the alleys, whereas the old system had its pole lines in the streets. The old line ran its service lines to the front of the residences, while the city will run its lines from the alley and enter the house from the rear.

Saturday night. Although the white way posts have only the two lower globes in place, the effect is very fine, and the four blocks of white way, from the Santa Fe to the library.

Larned Chronoscope - April 20, 1916

## In April, Ralph Jarvis is in Larned

Mrs. Anna Mounts has received a letter informing her that her son, Ralph Jarvis, was in a hospital at Larnard, Kans., suffering with pneumonia.

*Greensburg News – April 28, 1916*

In April 1916, two months after we found Ralph in Salina, he was in Larned. In late April, he was hospitalized with pneumonia.

## Ralph's a lineman

Ralph was working on the project to cut over the residential areas of Larned to the new electrical system.

We don't know if he was one of the experienced linemen or if he was learning the trade by demolishing the old system. But by the end of the project, he was likely an experienced lineman. He would work in this industry for the rest of his career.



Ralph Jarvis (center) and linemen – c 1917

Ark. Val. Tel. Co., phone and material	18.14
C. W. Smith E. & I. Co., electrical supplies	546.01
R.R. Electric Co., electrical supplies..	567.00
Western Electric Co.	23.94
A. A. Doerr Merc. Co., sundries....	16.28
Wells Fargo Express.	19.16
Wonsetler Bros., freight and drayage	62.32
I. B. Cunningham, recording bonds..	2.00
Chris Knechtel, shovels.....	2.35
W. E. Seitz, blacksmith elect. dept..	6.90
W. T. Clark, outside wiring.....	60.26
R. Randolph, outside wiring.....	29.00
B. C. Marymee, outside wiring.....	21.01
L. C. Byers, outside wiring.....	6.00
S. M. Smith, outside wiring.....	17.88
Geo. Barr, outside wiring.....	59.65
W. S. Faulkner, outside wiring.....	3.10
C. J. Mathewson, outside wiring.....	64.00
<u>R. H. Jarvis, outside wiring.....</u>	<u>29.00</u>
A. Pottruff outside wiring.....	12.00
Jack Roudebush, outside wiring.....	24.75
T. R. Price, outside wiring.....	59.88

*Larned Chronoscope – July 6, 1916*

In the July 1916 list of expenditures for Pawnee County, Ralph is paid \$29.00 for "outside wiring", as are several others. I think "outside wiring" means the new connection between the city distribution lines and a resident's house. He was probably contracting or moonlighting by hooking up houses to the new system.

## Finally, Ralph Jarvis meets Chleo Webb

As the story goes, Ralph was working on a utility pole near the Rock House. There was a young lady on the porch. Ralph whistled at her, and she waved back. That young lady was Chleo Webb.



Here's the same story from Webb/Jarvis archives. I'll attribute this one to Doris Gibson, wife of Abner Gibson. Doris was sister-in-law of Phyllis Gibson Jarvis, who was wife of Don Jarvis. Don was Mel Jarvis' brother, and these two were sons of Ralph Jarvis and Chleo Webb Jarvis. Doris did a lot of family genealogy.

Co. in Larned, Kansas when he met Chleo Webb. He was a lineman and was up on a pole working, when Chleo went out on the porch of her parents home and he whistled at her and she waved.

Chleo went to a Sunday School party with a friend, and the friends boyfriend had invited Ralph. Ralph ask to walk Chleo home, and the romance began. He soon gave her a diamond necklace, and she was the only girl in the Senior Class with a diamond.

So the romance began. But Chleo was age 16, and still in high school. And Ralph's life would be interrupted by a stint in the army in World War I.

# It's War

In 1916, Ralph Jarvis had met Chleo Webb and started a relationship. At 16, Chleo was still in high school. Ralph, 22, was working as a lineman.

Their lives would be interrupted by The Great War.



The US declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917.

On that same day, Ralph Jarvis and Jim Webb and Cousin Ben Sooby enlisted in the Company F of the Kansas National Guard.

The National Guard would be the first troops deployed to join the active regular army. A draft would be enacted later but would take months to get up to speed.

So a National Guard enlistee could count on being sent to the front soon.



<b>CO. F WANTS MEN.</b>	
<b>Sixteen Enlisted Past Week—40</b>	
<b>More To Fill Quota.</b>	
Co. F, N. G. K., needs forty more men to bring the company up to full war strength, one hundred enlisted men. On April 3d Co. F had forty-four enlisted men. Since that date sixteen men have enlisted, bringing the total up to sixty, not including commissioned officers.	
to make enlistments. Following is a list of the members of Co. F, showing the older members and the newly enlisted men, and a communication from Capt. Harry Grove of Co. F:	
Roster of Co. F, April 3. Joseph N. Bell. Manford F. Arnold. Albert A'Neals. Amos Mack.	
<b>Recruits Since April 3.</b>	
John K. Avery. E. Vernon Ingels. Archie L. Arnold. Harland Artzberger. Spencer C. Ackerman. W. Ray Chalmers. Carl H. Geer. Orville Johnson. <u>Ralph H. Jarvis.</u> Guy W. Nairn. Rolland S. Parry. Harry F. Russell. Harry W. Smart. <u>Benjamin H. Sooby.</u> <u>James M. Webb.</u> Chas. Jenkins.	
Carl Hoover. John H. Kirch.	

Larned Chronoscope – April 12, 1917

## 137th Infantry

*The 137th Infantry Regiment (First Kansas) traces its history back to the 1st Infantry Regiment of the Kansas Volunteer Militia on 17 May 1879.*

Kansas Army National Guard

In 1885, this volunteer militia became the Kansas National Guard.

In 1898, the 1st Kansas was merged with the 20th Kansas and deployed to the Philippines in the war with Spain. A few years later, in 1916, the regiment was mustered into federal service for duty on the Mexican border.

On August 5, 1917, the 1st and 2nd Kansas Infantry regiments were drafted into federal service and joined the 35th Division. On October 1, the two regiments were merged into the 137th Infantry Regiment.

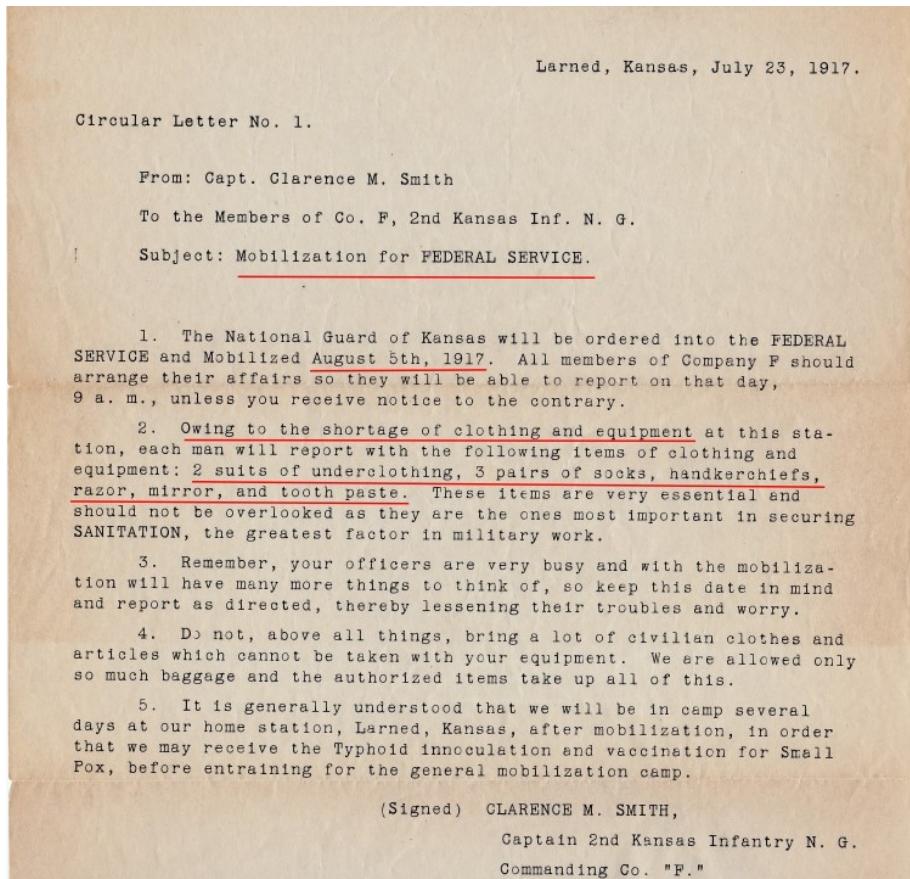


Ralph Jarvis – 1917



## Activated

On August 5, 1917, the members of Company F in Larned reported for active duty.



Jim Webb - Mobilization Orders - August 5, 1917

A temporary camp was set up in Edwards Park in Larned, and the troops began drills and training while waiting to mobilize. Although they were on active duty, they were encamped at Larned. They still interacted with family and friends. Ralph and Chleo still saw each other.

**Boxing Contest.**  
Boxing contest at Armory. There will be a boxing contest at the armory tonight (Thursday) between Justin Blount and Private Jarvis of Company F. It will be a five round, no-decision contest.  
A collection probably will be taken and divided between the boxers.

The Tiller and Toiler – September 13, 1917

Miss Pauline Doerr gave a dancing party Tuesday night for her cousin, Vernon Ingels. The guests included eight couples of young people.

Ralph Jarvis and Jim Webb, two members of Co. F, were pleasantly surprised on Thursday at the home of Miss Cleo Webb by about twenty-five of their friends.

Causley Blount was pleasantly surprised at his home Friday, August 17, the occasion being his tenth birthday anniversary, by a number of little boy friends. The afternoon was spent playing games, after which sherbet

Larned Chronoscope – August 23, 1917



Ralph Jarvis – c 1917



Jim Webb – c 1917

On September 29, the troops boarded a train for Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma.

Amid cheers and tears the members of Company F left the Santa Fe station September 29, 1917, on the first lap of their journey to France.

*The Tiller and Toiler – September 1917*

## Camp Doniphan

Camp Doniphan was built as a temporary training camp for recruits from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Construction began on July 23, 1917. Most of the 1,200 structures were tents.

Two months later, on September 29, Company F from Larned arrived. Camp Doniphan was a huge tent camp, located adjacent to the permanent army base at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

## Family Nibbles



Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma – 1918

Training was rigorous and monotonous. Daily drills, trenches, riflery, and never-ending marching.

*THE 50,000 MEN WHO TRAINED HERE  
WOULD REMEMBER WITH NOSTALGIA THE  
WIND, THE DUST, THE HEAT OF  
SUMMER, THE COLD OF WINTER IN  
CANVAS TENTS, THE STRENUOUS DRILLS  
AND MARCHES, AND THE ENDLESS  
DIGGING OF TRENCHES, DUGOUTS, AND  
ARTILLERY EMPLACEMENTS IN HARD-  
BAKED SOIL AND HARDER ROCK IN "NO  
MAN'S LAND" NEAR SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.*

Camp Doniphan Part of Fort Sill



Bayonet training – Camp Doniphan – 1918

Christmas 1917 was spent in camp. No training that day, and a sumptuous Christmas dinner. I'll bet most of the boys were homesick.



Christmas dinner – Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma – December 25, 1917

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Phone 637

Mrs. Harold Jones, who had been visiting relatives in Hutchinson the past three weeks, arrived home Sunday.

James Webb returned to Fort Sill, Okla., last Thursday, after spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Anna Webb.

See H. T. Taylor for your loan.  
Lowest rates, quick service.

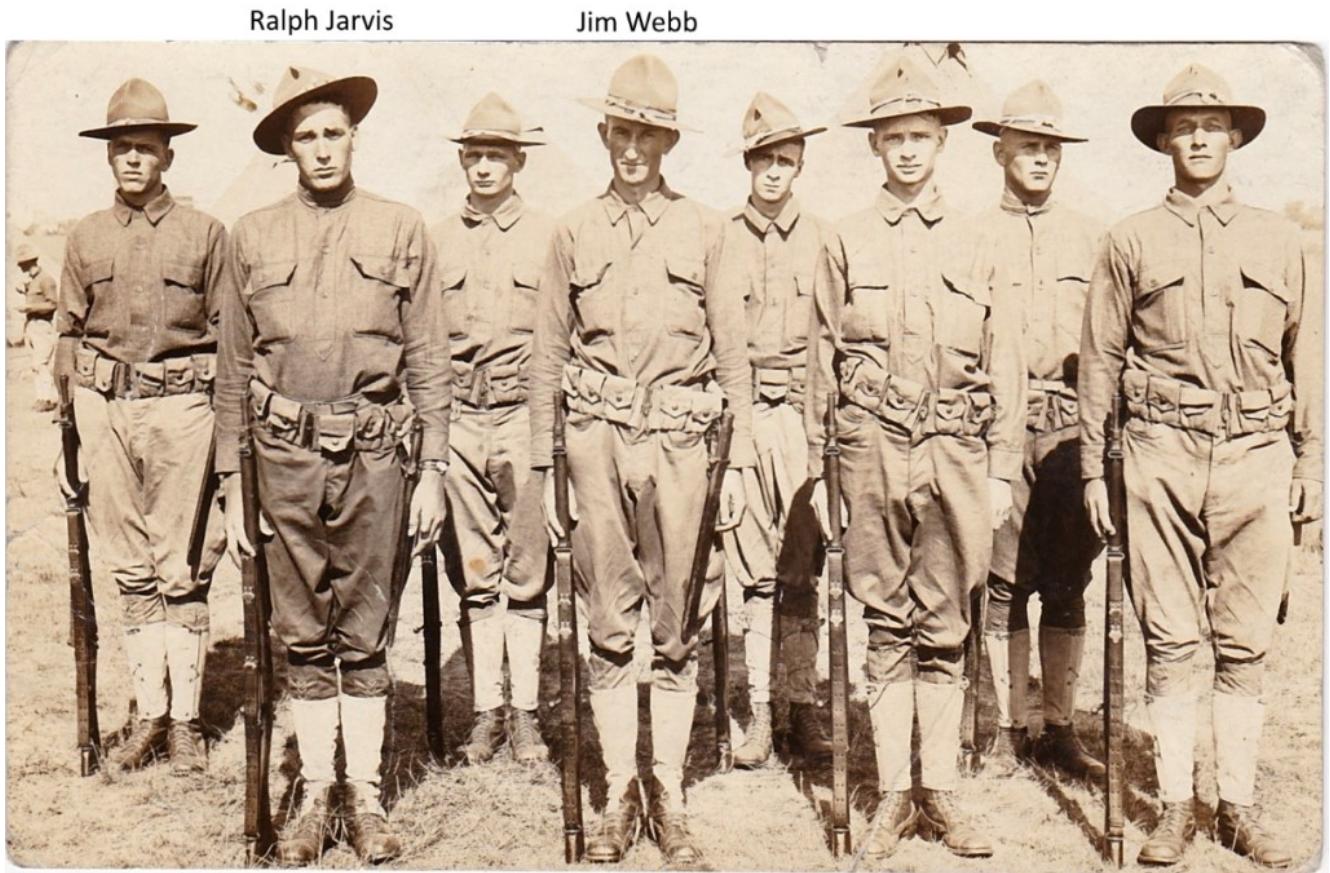
**Burnett's**  
**CLEAN GROCERIES**

Larned Chronoscope - January 24, 1918

In January 1918, Jim Webb got a furlough to Larned for a week.

But back at Camp Doniphan, training continued. Ralph Jarvis had gotten transferred to Headquarters Company, and in the spring Jim Webb did too.

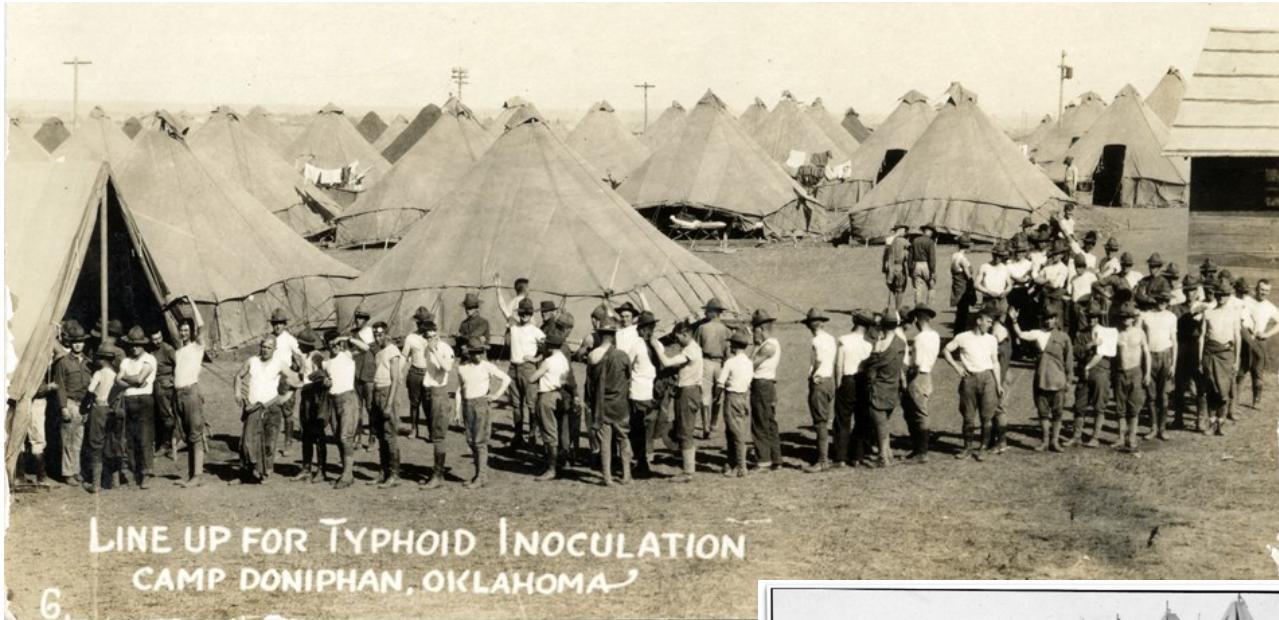
Ralph's experience as a lineman and electrician got him appointed to the signal corps, running and maintaining wires for radio and telephone communication for the regiment.



Ralph Jarvis and Jim Webb – Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma – 1918

## Family Nibbles

On March 28, Ralph and Jim and Ben and the others readied their gear. They were embarking for France and the front lines.



Packing up – Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma – May 1918



Jim Webb and Ralph Jarvis – Camp Doniphan – 1918

## To France

*After six months rigorous training at Doniphan, the 137th took trains to Camp Mills, on Long Island, N.Y.  
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April 23, 1918

Hello S. Chleo am all OK this morning.  
feel fine and dandy just got back off a  
10 mile hike. I think we will be here  
about 4 days. Get well the sooner the  
better. adieu till next time. Ralph

If I ever get back to the picture on  
the other side

10 mile hike  
Tired we will be  
here about 4 days  
get well the sooner  
the better adieu  
till next time  
Ralph  
if I ever get back the  
picture on the other



## Family Nibbles

April 25, 1918

Dear Sweetheart

Am sailing today. On board ship now.

Address my mail

Amer. Exp. Forces. HDQ Co. 137 Inf.

Will write more at sea

Yours, Ralph



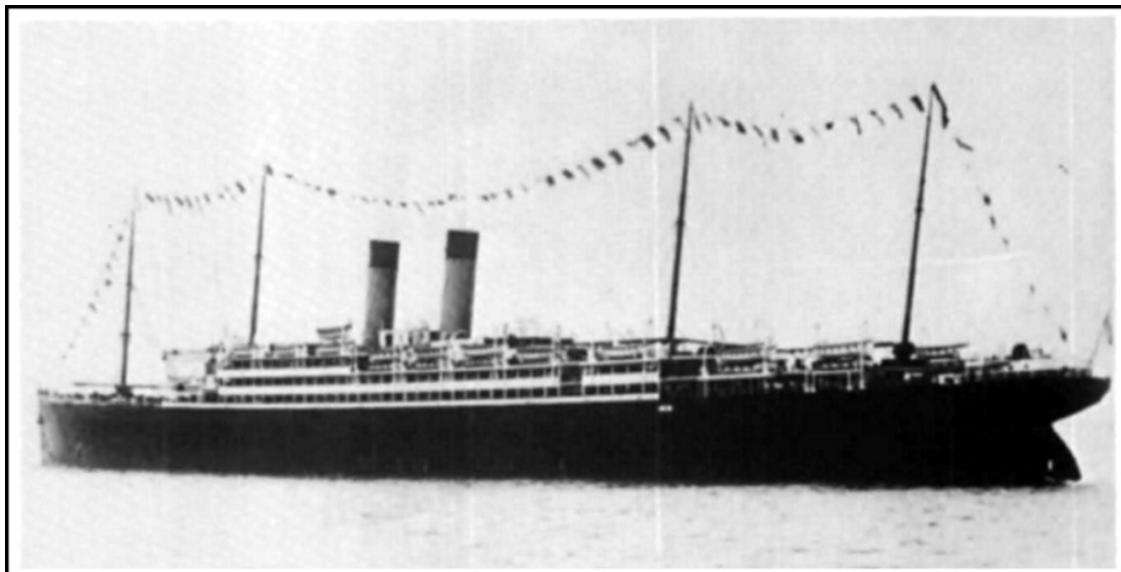
They sailed from New York on April 25, 1918.



Leaving for France 1918

## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

Ralph Jarvis and Jim Webb were on the USS Baltic, a troop ship converted from a freighter.



USS Baltic – 1918

<b>HEADQUARTERS PORT OF EMBARKATION</b> HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY <b>UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE</b>						
<b>PASSENGER LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND CASUALS</b>						
<b>INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM</b> <small>Separate lists of FIVE COPIES EACH, will be filled out by each company or detachment commander as follows:            1st List: Officers arranged according to rank; nurses, if any; civilian employees, if any. These names should be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.            2d List: Non-commissioned officers above Grade 17, (Paragraph 9, Army Regulations), arranged according to grade.            3d List: Enlisted men below Grade 16, (Paragraph 9, Army Regulations), arranged according to the usual formation of the Company, that is, by squads. These names should be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.</small>						
To be filled in by Company Commander.	<i>Headquarters Co. 137th Infantry</i> <small>(Give full name of organization including company and regimental designations.)</small>					
To be filled in by Army Transport Service.	<b>BALTIC</b>		<b>APR 25 1918</b>	<small>(Date of sailing)</small> <b>NEW YORK (Port)</b>		
No.	NAME. <small>(Family name followed by Christian names in full.)</small>	Rank.	Regt. Bn. Corps, or Dept.-	NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. <small>(Give name in full.)</small>	Relation- ship.	ADDRESS. <small>(Number, Street, City and State.)</small>
<small>NOTE: Leave double space between names. DO NOT abbreviate names of persons, streets or cities. All typewriting must be in capital letters only. Names of enlisted men must be identical with those on service records.</small>						
92	1,447,452 LUSK, GEORGE BRYANT	PVT	137	MRS. WILMUTH LUSK	W.	HIGHITA, KANSAS. 429 NORTH SEMINA ST.
93	1,446,942 JARVIS, RALPH HAYDON	PVT	137	MRS. ANNA MOUNDS	M.	GREENBURG, IND. S
94	1,446,876 SMITH, HENRY HOWARD	PVT	137	MR. CHAMP SMITH	F.	MINNEAPOLIS, KANS.
95	1,446,984 TUCKER, RUSSELL GREEN	PVT	137	MRS. RUSSELL G.	W.	HUTCHINSON, KANS. S

Manifest – Ralph Jarvis – USS Baltic – April 25, 1918

The regiment landed at Liverpool, England, May 6, and crossed the English Channel to Le Havre on May 9. It had been a year since they had enlisted. They were in France and would soon go "into the line."

# Over There

On May 9, 1918, soldiers of the 137th Infantry disembarked their ships and set foot on French soil at Le Havre.

*The 137th served a few weeks with the British in Northern France and then by three days of forced marches and three days train travel moved to the eastern end of the Western Front, near Gerardmer, from where it went into the line with French troops on German soil near Switzerland on June 18, 1918.*

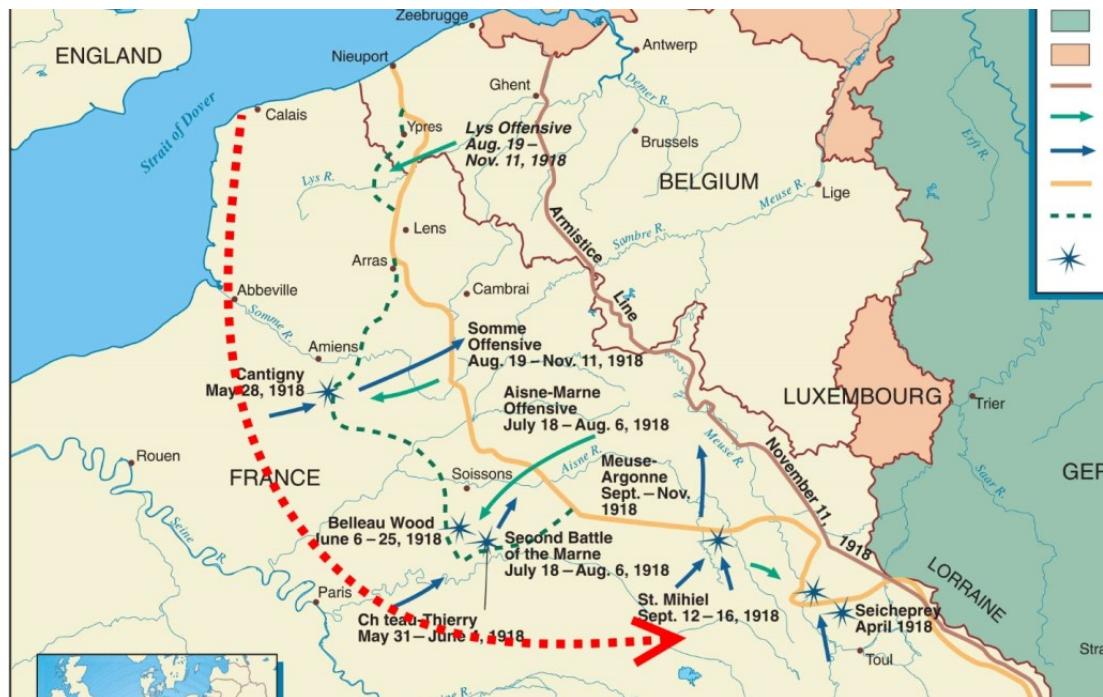
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## 137th Safely in France.

The daily papers this morning bear the information that the 137th Infantry has arrived safely in France. This is glad news to Kansas people, as the 137th is an all-Kansas regiment. Old Co. F of aLrned is now a part of that regiment, and it numbers thirty or more men from this city and county in its ranks.

The 137th Infantry was made up of the old First and Second Kansas National Guard regiments. It was stationed at Camp Doniphan until it was sent to the port of embarkation early in April. Col. Clad Hamilton of Topeka commands the regiment. It has approximately 3800 men.

Larned Chronoscope – May 9, 1918



On the night of June 22, just a few days after going into the line, the 137th repulsed a German raid in the Metz sector. This was followed by intermittent skirmishes.

# The Signal Platoon

Ralph Jarvis was in the signal platoon of Headquarters Company.

The signal platoon was the communication heartbeat of the regiment. Its purpose was to build and maintain communications between the combat units and the command headquarters. During protracted and moving battles, the signal corps would need to continually move wiring and equipment to forward positions.

Successful communications systems could determine the outcome of a battle. Failure of communications had lethal consequences. Here's the signal platoon's organizational structure.

Radio, T.P.S. Panels	SIGNAL PLATOON ROSTER.	Radios, T.P.S. Lamps, Flags. Pigeons. Fireworks	Telephone Luzzer.
<b>Regimental</b>			
Sgt. Hagstrom F Cpl. Johnson Cpl. Jarvis <u>Cpl. Mack</u> S Pvt. Fuller Seagondollar Edwards Stuckey Wortman H Grace McGuffin Carrol Corpl. Smith H.H.	Cpl. Lebig S Pvt. Carter Rohrer F Thompson Barber Hamilton Crosson	Pvt. Anderson Hillyer Eckley	Pvt. Syf- testead Eckley Cpl. Wright S Pvt. Baker Jeffords Goldstein S. Difer Kuhn Post Thomppson
1st Bn. <b>1st Battalion</b>	Cpl. Graham Pvt. Kennedy Pvt. Wilson Conde, A.L. Taylor	Pvt. Mitchell D. Palmer Boss Vest	Pvt. Mauls Wicken- dell Pvt. Wilbur Garru- thers Latta
2nd Bn. <b>2nd Battalion</b>	Cpl. Beaman Pvt. Adams Starkey Engle	Pvt. Ekstrom Winn	Pvt. Bern H. Hamilton Bordner Pvt. Hawtho N. Yell Clark H
3rd Bn. <b>3rd Battalion</b>	Cpl. Conde Pvt. Braun Bick, Ben Beck, Bert F Courtney	Pvt. Wiresman Wahlgren	Pvt. L. T. Tunc Cpl. Tucker Pvt. Thorn- wallison Center

## *137th Infantry – Signal Platoon*

There were multiple and overlapping communication methods. Let's take a closer look.

	Radio,T.P.S. Panels	Lamps,Flags SIGNAL PLATOON ROSTER. Radio,T.P.S. Panels.	Pigeons Pigeons.	Fireworks	Telephone Buzzer
Roster	Sgt. Heggstrom F Cpl. Johnson Cpl. Jarvis Cpl. Mack S Pvt. Muller	Cpl. Lebig Pvt. Carter Rohrer Thompson Barber	Sgt. Anderson Hillyer	Pvt. Syftestead Bekley	Cpl. Wright S Pvt. Baker Jefford Goldstein

Signal Platoon Roster - 137th Infantry

The signal platoon was responsible for five communication methods.

## Lamps, Flags

Yes, lamps and flags were often the most surefire way to signal a message. If radio or telephone hadn't been brought forward to the fighting line, visual messages were sent by flags during daylight and lamps during darkness.

*Visual signaling had likewise not entirely disappeared from the Signal Corps' arsenal. The familiar red and white wigwag flags remained in use to a limited extent, but the flagstaff underwent some changes. Since the wooden staffs broke rather easily, the Corps contracted with a fishing rod company to manufacture steel staffs.*

*Getting the Message Through*



Signal flagmen

## Pigeons

Yes, pigeons. Though a one-way method, pigeons were a reliable way to send messages back to regimental command.

*Carrier pigeons contributed another "low-tech" but effective means of communication. In July 1917, impressed with the French and British pigeon services, Pershing requested that pigeon specialists be commissioned into the U.S. Army.*



*Cher Ami - American Museum  
of Natural History - Smithsonian*

*Probably the most famous use of pigeons occurred during the fighting in the Argonne Forest in October 1918 when elements of the 77th Division, commanded by Maj. Charles W Whittlesey, became separated and trapped behind the German lines.*

*After several days without relief, with hope for survival fading and friendly artillery fire raining down, the men pinned their lives on their last bird, Cher Ami, to get word back to silence the guns. With one eye gone, his breast bone shattered, and a leg missing, Cher Ami completed his mission. In recognition of his remarkable accomplishment, Cher Ami received a medal and a pension.*

#### *Getting the Message Through*

## Fireworks

This is a method of “broadcasting” a signal for all to see over long distances.

*Other visual signaling methods included pyrotechnics (rockets, flares); battery-powered electric lamps, based on a French model, to replace the previously used acetylene type; and projector lamps.*

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## Buzzer / Telephone

*The buzzer phone, an improvement on the British Fuller phone, could be used to transmit buzzer signals or act as a normal telephone. The advantage of this telephone was the fact buzzer signals could be transmitted between two telephones of this type with no possibility of interception by the enemy.*

#### *The Waving of Flags and Torches*



*Buzzer / Telephone*

*In general, from division headquarters forward, telephone lines ran to each infantry battalion as well as between adjoining battalions. But the traditional lance poles did not prove suitable for use in the trenches. Instead, the wires were strung on short (four-foot) stakes or run along the trench walls.*

*At division headquarters the telephone switchboards were installed in underground dugouts where they could withstand artillery bombardment.*

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## Radio, T.P.S. Panels

Ralph was assigned to the regimental company. He had been promoted to Corporal. He was responsible for radio and T.P.S systems, and he was also in command of the 1st Battalion Signal Detail.

So Ralph's responsibilities were at the battle front. His crews had to install the T.P.S. ground stakes in the front trenches.

*The Signal Corps procured French earth telegraphy equipment known as T.P.S., from the French word telegraphie par sol (the British used the term earth induction). This system worked by each station laying insulated wire (up to seventy-five meters) along the ground, parallel to one another and grounding each end of the wire with iron spikes driven into the ground. The transmitting station connected in the center of the wire a battery-powered telegraph induction set, which sent a powerful buzzer signal over the wire. The receiving station had a similar length of wire with a telephone receiver attached to pick up the transmissions. The system worked up to three kilometers apart. This system was excellent near the front lines because it had less wire to be torn by artillery and mortar fire.*

### THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS



*Receiving set for trench radio – receiving a message*

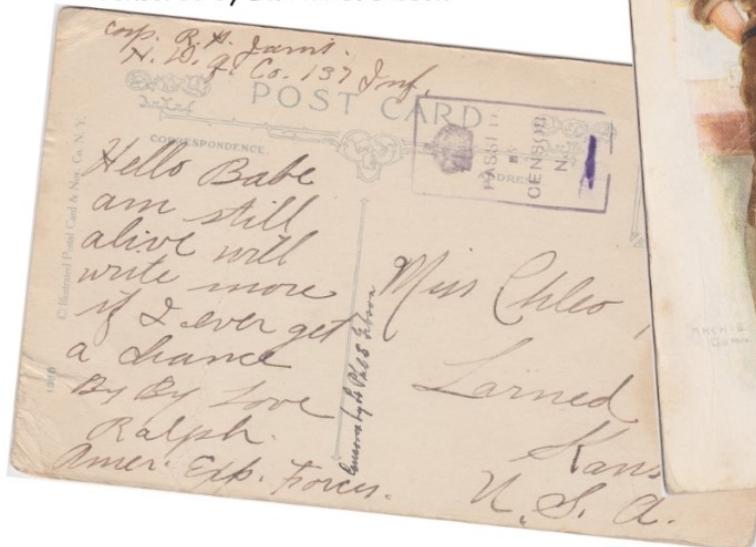
*During the battle the signal troops went "over the top" close behind the advancing infantry. The repair teams sustained many casualties, however, due to heavy concentrations of poison gas. While the enemy repeatedly knocked the division's telephones and radios out of action, the earth telegraphy stations remained in operation.*

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There were other communications methods that weren't under the auspices of the signal platoon. These included messengers, runners, motorcycle couriers, balloons, airplanes, etc.

July 1918  
Hello Babe,  
Am still alive. Will write more if  
I ever get a chance.  
Bye Bye  
Love Ralph  
Amer. Exp. Forces

Censored by Lt. Phil S. Gibson



## Battle of St. Mihiel

The St. Mihiel battle was the first major battle organized and fought completely by the American Expeditionary Force. You might recall that this is the battle in which Ben Teply was wounded. See his story in an earlier post – [Ben Teply – WWI – St. Mihiel Salient](#).

On September 1, the 137th regiment was moved by trucks to Nancy and then into reserve for the St. Mihiel drive of mid-September.

*That battle was so easy that the Reserve was never used, and the men lay in their pup tents in the soggy dripping woods, without even a chance to see the enemy, though under shellfire.*

*History of Kansas: State and People, Volume II*

4. U.S. scouts with 1st Battalion, 137th Infantry, play cards in the trenches in Germany.



## Meuse-Argonne Offensive

*The Division was moved by some two hundred French trucks from their reserve at St. Mihiel to the neighborhood of Grange-le-Conte, in the woods east of Beauchamp, and remained there until the morning of September 26th, when the greatest battle in American military history, the Battle of the Argonne, commenced.*

*The artillery preparations began at 2:30 a.m., September 26th. On the afternoon previous the infantry had begun the move forward, and that night were up to the guns and awaiting the coming advance in the morning. After three hours of intense artillery preparation, the advance began at 5:30 a.m.*

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*A 6-hour barrage was launched on this hill and was taken by the Kansas soldiers in their first attempt on 26 September, and their trial by fire began; an ordeal that was to last six days and six nights, with little or no food, only snatches of sleep, and an uninterrupted rain of shells, gas, and bullets from infantry, artillery and warplanes. The 137th Infantry took every objective assigned it, but in the taking suffered casualties of nearly 1,300 men out of the 2,800 combatants engaged; 46%*

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The regiment was relieved October 1, 1918, and after resting in the rear for 10 days, the regiment moved to Verdun and remained in the fighting until November 9.

## The Armistice

The Armistice of November 11, 1918 finally stopped the fighting.

When the Division received the word of the armistice, orders were sent out immediately to the battalions by whatever means possible – T.P.S., radio, phone, flag, pigeon, courier, runner, etc. Troops were ordered to stop firing at 1045 to avoid mistakes.

And so it was that the guns fell silent on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

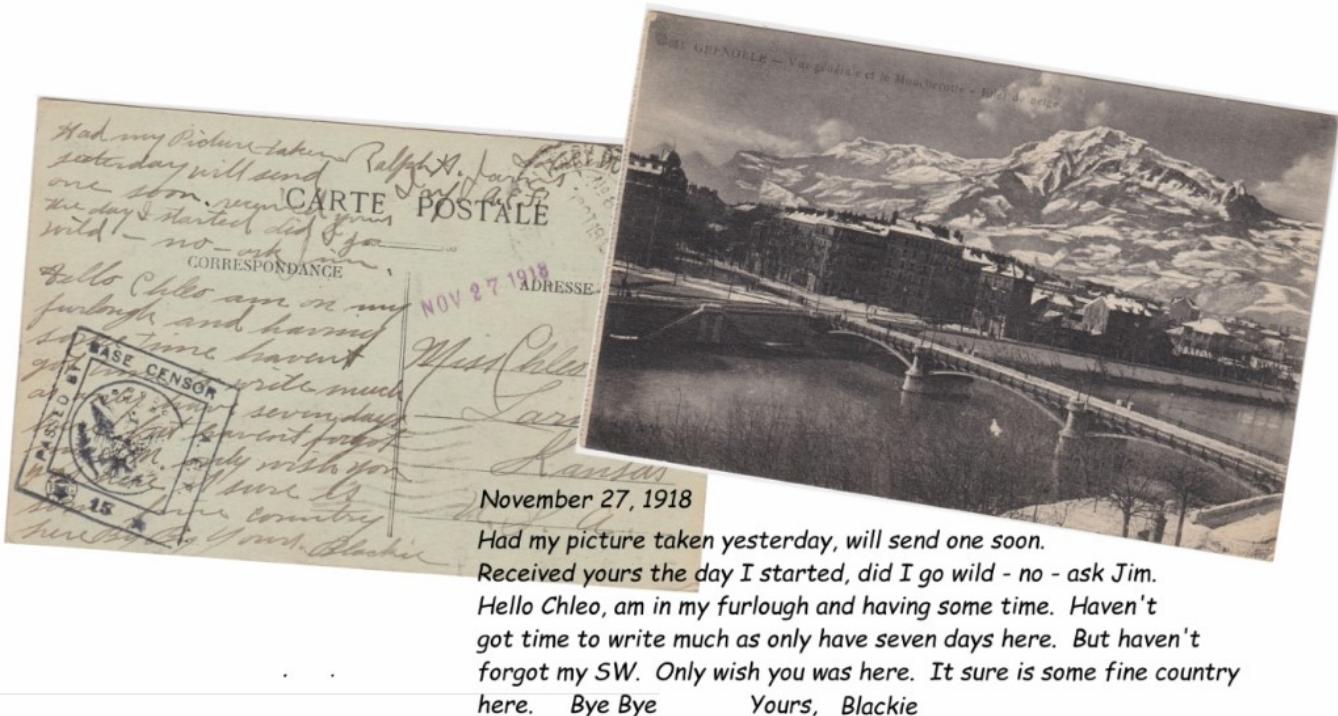


*Troops celebrate the Armistice – November 11, 1918*

For more background and information on the Armistice, see an earlier story – [Ben Teply - WWI - The Armistice!](#)

## Army of Occupation

After the Armistice, the 137th would participate in the occupation of Germany, and stay in Europe for six more months. The troops were granted furloughs and had some time to explore their surroundings in France.



## Too many casualties

The official report shows that there were some 1,480 deaths, 6,001 wounded, and 167 captured, making a grand total of 7,913 men (46%). This loss, while not an excessive one, was mostly sustained in the one battle of the Argonne, where the losses were heavy.

*It may well be and is probable that the division did not have the best leadership possible and that it could have done its job with fewer casualties if its leadership had been different, but certainly the Division, itself, has no cause to be ashamed of its achievements, or of the gallantry of its officers and men.*

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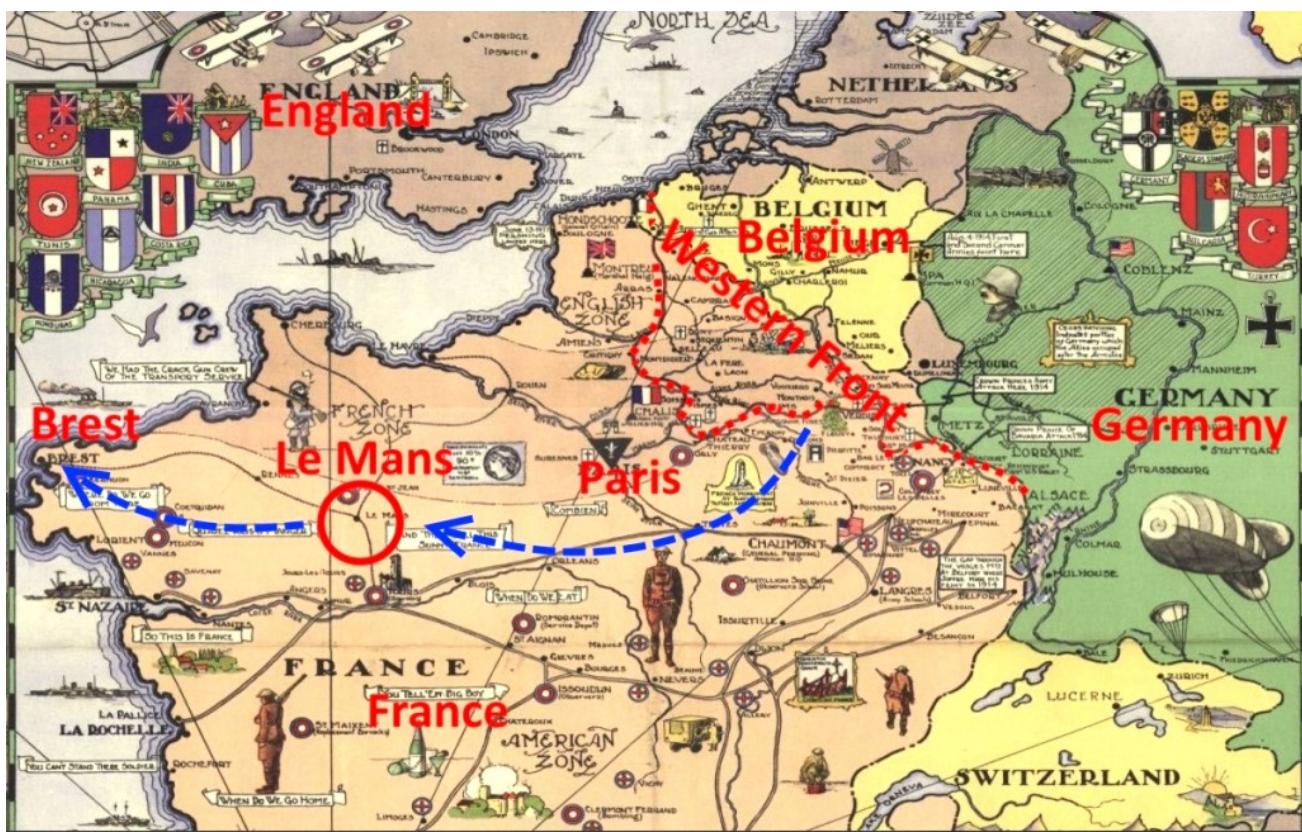
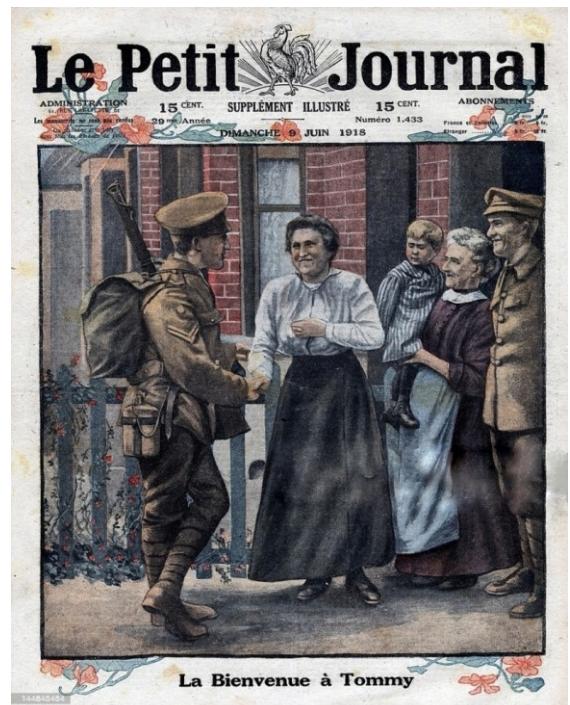
*Through a variety of means, the Signal Corps successfully supplied communications to the front lines, and its casualty figures reflected that fact. Its total of 2,840 casualties ranked second only to the Infantry. This figure is particularly impressive because the Signal Corps (less its Aviation Section) comprised only about 4 percent of the total AEF*

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# Coming Home

*With orders for home, the 137th Regiment boarded trains at Sampigny on March 7. They arrived in the Le Mans area three days later. The companies were dispersed to surrounding towns and villages, Company M to Monfort-les-Gesnois. Far from the desolate battlefields, the men enjoyed a couple weeks of "the best accommodations since [their] arrival in France," whether in billets or private homes.*

*Easter Aboard the Manchuria*



## Family Nibbles

*Following this respite, they moved to what was known as "the Belgian Camp," where they slept in tents and were subjected to medical examinations, inoculations, and "cootie baths" to make them presentable to their mothers.*

*April 4, an overnight train from Champagne took the regiment to the coast at Brest, France's westernmost port. After a week's wait in cantonment, a morning march, loaded with all their gear, took them to the docks. From there, they were conveyed by light boats to a transport ship anchored a mile out in the bay. France, as its final farewell, drizzled rain on them.*

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## COMPANY F TO COME HOME

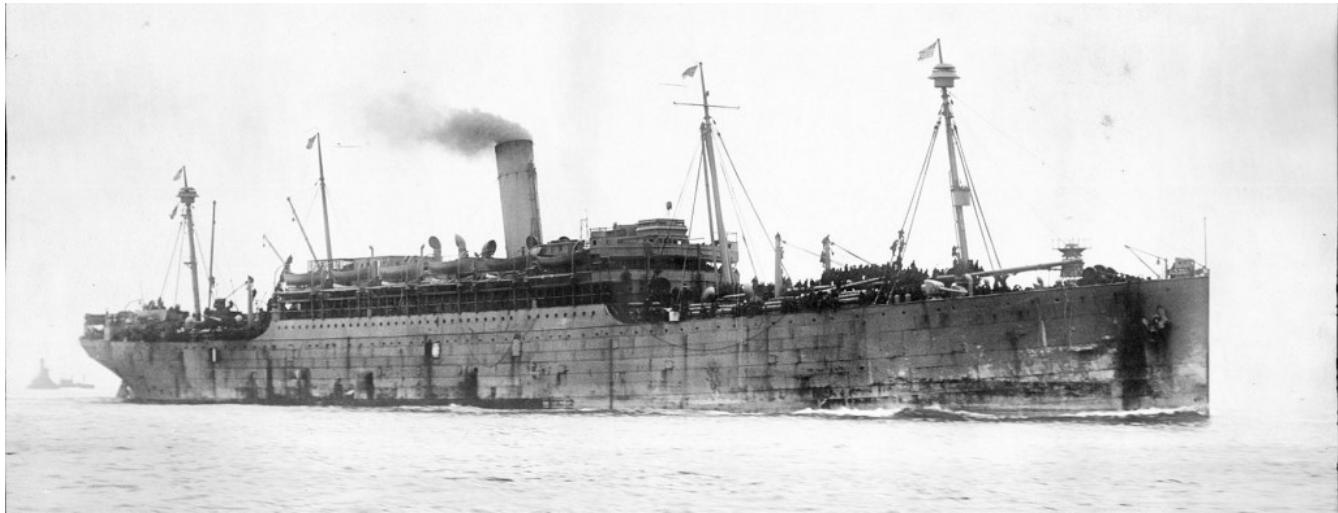
W. Y. MORGAN CABLES HIS  
PAPER TO THIS  
EFFECT

According to This Information Local  
Boys Will Sail for United  
States March 10th

Monday evening's Hutchinson News contained a cablegram from its editor, W. Y. Morgan, who is in France with the Y. M. C. A., stating that the 35th division was scheduled for early return to the United States. The Thirty-fifth division contains Company F, 137th infantry, in which are the large majority of the boys who were members of the old Company F, Kansas National Guard company, which left here September 29, 1917,

*The Tiller and Toiler – February 6, 1919*

The Manchuria was a freighter converted to a troop ship. She steamed out of the bay on April 13, 1919, headed for Hoboken, New Jersey.



*USS Manchuria - 1919*

## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

There were 4,771 men aboard. The conditions were cramped. There were bunk cots, three high and two feet apart. I'll bet the men didn't care. They were going home.



*Troops aboard the USS Manchuria – 1919*

On Sunday, April 20, the ship's chaplain held Easter services on board.

*Thanks to the journal-keeping Haterius, we know what meal Private B. F. Potts shared with his comrades that Sunday a century ago: "For our Easter dinner, beans were served—nothing more, nothing less—beans and beans only".*

*Easter Aboard the Manchuria*

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THRU		RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES			
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Leave double space between entries. All spelling must be in CAPITAL LETTERS.					
ALL CLASSES "A". ROBUTEN APRIL 23 1919					
89.	JARVIS, RALPH B 1,446,842	CORP HQ. CO. INF. 157TH INF.	MRS ANNA MOUNTS	MOTHER	1531 LOVETT BUILDING ANDERSON, INDIANA
90.	WRIGHT, HUGH 1,446,797	CORP HQ. CO. INF. 157TH INF.	MRS FLORENCE M WOLF	SISTER	MCGRUBERSON KANSAS
91.	JOHNSON, MERRITT O 1,446,821	CORP HQ. CO. INF. 157TH INF.	MRS VERA MASON	MOTHER	232 LOCUST STREET OTTAWA, KANSAS

*Ship Manifest – Ralph Jarvis – USS Manchuria – April 12, 1919*

## Good old USA

The Manchuria docked at Hoboken on April 23, 1919.



## Discharge and home

After a few days at Hoboken, the regiment took trains for Camp Funston, Kansas. They stopped in Topeka, Kansas on May 7 to parade down the main street. The All-Kansas regiment was back in Kansas.



May 6, 1919 Cumberland, MD

If you come to Topeka I will be on the right side of second platoon.  
Dear Chleo,

Will parade in Topeka soon and will be home before long. Am on the way now.

Blackie

Ralph and others received their discharge papers at Camp Funston on May 9 and 10.

*They had spent nearly two years in service, traveled around 15,000 miles and helped break the great Hindenburg line to win the War!*

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**Honorable Discharge from The United States Army**



TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That\* Ralph H. Jarvis  
#4446942 - Sergeant, 137th Inf.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL  
 SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military serv.  
 UNITED STATES by reason of Health, April 14, 1919.

Said Ralph H. Jarvis  
 in Lawrence County, in the State of Kansas.  
 When enlisted he was 22 years of age and by occupation a Private.  
 He had Brown eyes, Black hair, Dark complexion  
 was 5 feet 11 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Camp Funston, Kansas  
10th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and 19.

Sergeant Major  
1st Lt 137th Inf

Form No. 525, A. G. O. Oct. 5-18. \*Insert name, Christian name first; e. g., "John Doe." †Insert Army serial number, grade, company and regiment or arm or corps or department; e. g., "Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps"; "Sergeant, Engineers, Medical Dept." If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or full description of all

ENLISTMENT RECORD.

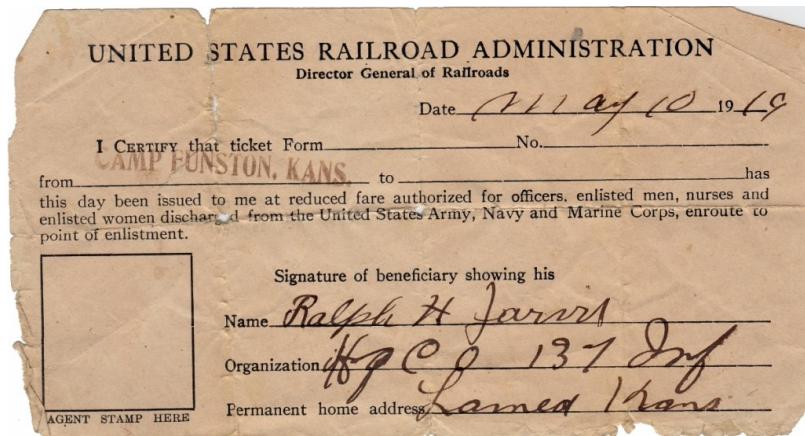
Name:	<u>Ralph H. Jarvis</u>	Grade:	<u>Sergeant</u>
Enlisted, or Entered:	<u>April 6, 1917</u>	at	<u>Lawrence, Kansas</u>
Serving in:	<u>Infantry</u>	enlistment period at date of discharge.	
Prior service:	<u>None</u>		
Noncommissioned officer:	<u>Appointed sergeant P. S. O. 25, April 14, 1919.</u>		
Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating:	<u>None</u>		
Horsemanship:	<u>Not mounted.</u>		
Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions:	<u>Major operations - St. Michel Offensive Sept. 12 to 16, 1918. Meuse Argonne Offensive Sept. 26 to Oct. 1, 1918. Defense of sector... Resuming sub. sector C'hood June 30 to July 20, 1918. Verdun and sector.</u>		
Knowledge of any vocation:	<u>Lawncare Aug. 17 to Sept 7, 1918.</u>		
Wounds received in service:	<u>None</u>		
Physical condition when discharged:	<u>Good</u>	Oct. 14 to Nov. 7, 1918. Entitled.	
Typhoid prophylaxis completed:	<u>March 21, 1919.</u>	To two more services overseas.	
Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed:	<u>March 27, 1919.</u>		
Married or single:	<u>Single</u>		
Character:	<u>Excellent</u>		
Remarks:	<u>No A. N. D. L. No absence under § 0 45, 1914 or 31, 1912. Entitled to travel pay and reduced P. P. fare, served with Co. D, 137th Inf and 2d Co. 137th Inf from April 6, 1917 to date of discharge.</u>		
Signature of soldier:	<u>Ralph H. Jarvis</u>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           OFFICE OF THE CAMP SUPPLY OFFICER            CAMP FUNSTON, KANSAS  <b>MAY 10 1919</b>            PAID IN FULL \$ <b>16.80</b>            L. P. WORRALL,            CAPT. Q. M. C. U. S. A. (P)         </div>			
\$60.00 BONUS PAID ACT OF FEB. 24, 1919.			
Commanding <u>1st Lt 137th Inf</u> "True Extract certified by me on Sept. 12, 1929, for purpose of obtaining Victory Medal by mail." <u>Signed</u>			

Military discharge and enlistment record – Ralph H Jarvis – May 10, 1919

## Family Nibbles

The soldiers were discharged and given a rail pass to Larned.

When we were inspecting Ralph's uniform recently, we found his rail pass in his uniform pocket, just where he left it many years ago.



## A visit to Indiana, and Mother

Before Ralph returned to Larned, he made a trip to Indiana to visit his mother, Anna Burton Jarvis Mounts Stafford. Anna was living in Anderson, Indiana with her husband Samuel Stafford.

Ralph's grandmother, Eliza Burton, was still living in Greensburg, Indiana. It seems Ralph visited her too, for he sent a postcard with a picture of the famous courthouse tree.

Hello Chleo  
Received 2 letters from you this  
morning. Will be home soon, by  
Sun. night if possible. Things are  
sure dead here.

Bye Bye Ralph

May 26, 1919

Anderson, Indiana

Maple Tree on Courthouse  
Tower, Greensburg, Ind. is un-  
paralleled in the world. Its  
origin, 35 years ago is  
supposed to

have resulted from winged maple  
seed having been carried there  
by wind or birds. Its height  
is 15 feet and its trunk is  
4 inches thick.



## Larned at last

At last, Ralph was home in Larned. It had been a year and three-quarters since Company F had shipped out. Ralph was glad to be home. Chleo was glad he was there. They would take up their relationship once again.



*Chleo Webb and Ralph Jarvis – 1919*

# Ralph Jarvis and Chleo Webb

Ralph was back in Larned, and out of the army. It was the summer of 1919. He quickly found work as a lineman for The Pawnee Power and Water Company.

Chleo had just finished high school. She was living at home with her mother, and they were working at the Ideal Steam Laundry.

Ralph and Chleo rekindled their relationship and talked of marriage.



*Ralph and Chleo – 1919*

## Marriage

### Webb-Jarvis.

Miss Cleo S. Webb and Mr. Ralph H. Jarvis were quietly married at the home of Probate Judge Stockman on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th, the ceremony being read by Judge Stockman.

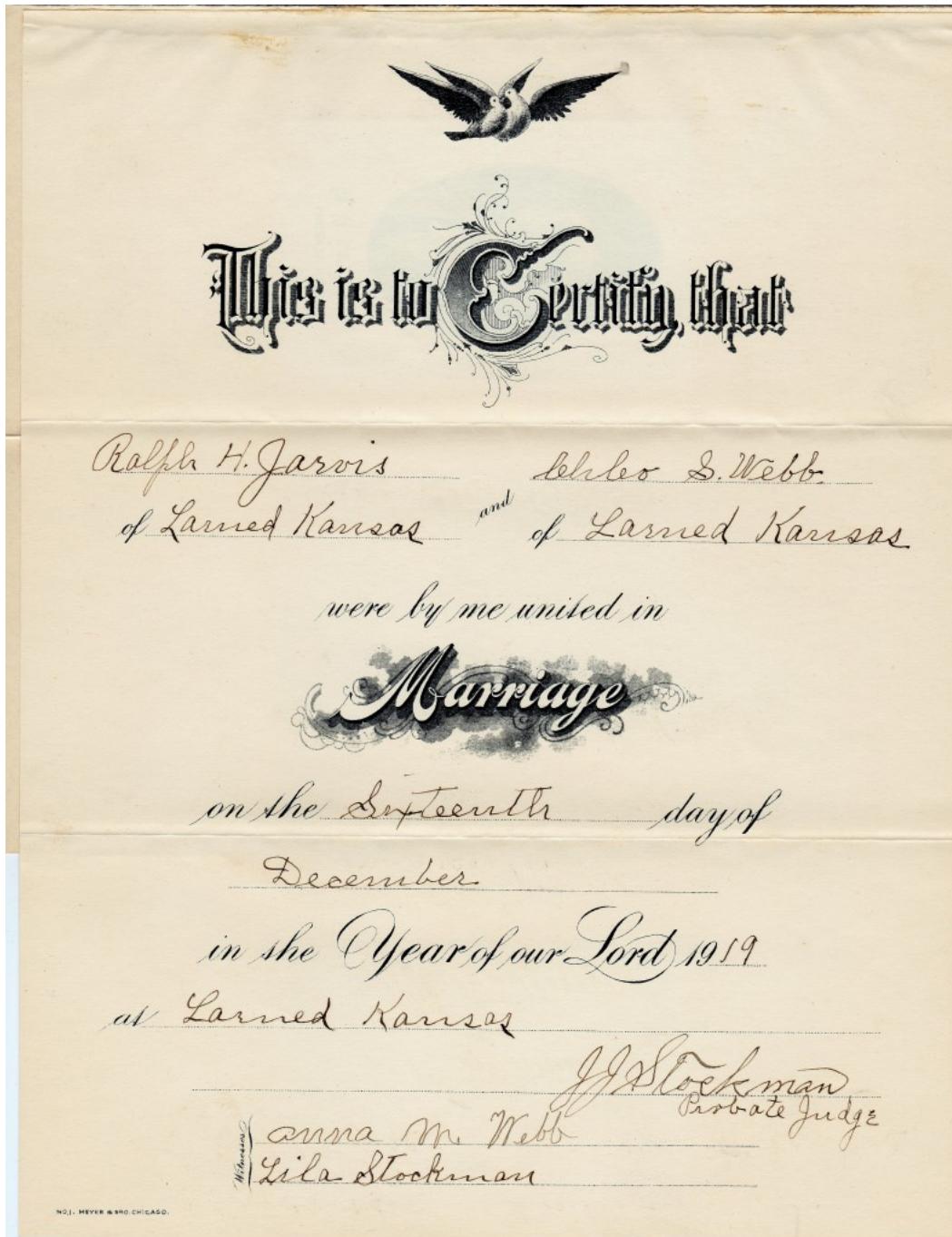
The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Webb, and has made her home in Larned since childhood. The groom enlisted with Co. F of Larned at the time war was declared on Germany, and served in France with Headquarters Co., 137th Infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis will make their home with the bride's mother in Larned.

*Larned Chronoscope – December 18, 1919*

Ralph Jarvis and Chleo Webb married December 16, 1919.

They had met in summer of 1916, when Ralph whistled at Chleo from a utility pole. Now, three and a half years later, they married.



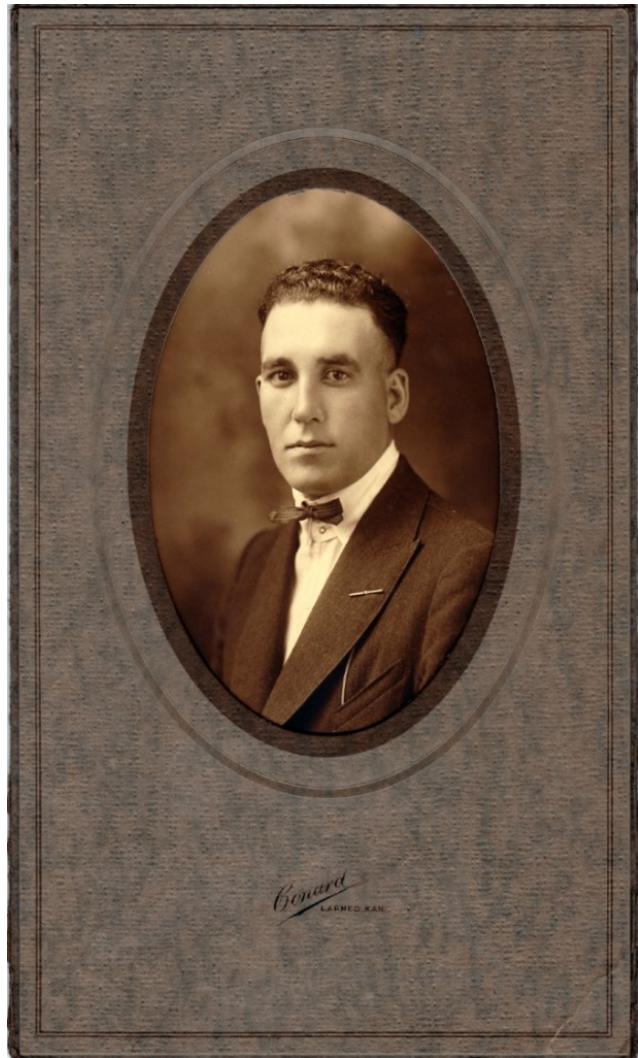
Ralph and Chleo were married Dec. 16, 1919 at the Probate Judge in Larned, Kansas. They returned home after their wedding to find her mother had made a big pot of Oyster Stew for everyone.

*Jarvis Story – Doris Gibson*

## The bride and groom



*Bonard*  
LARNED, KAN.



*Bonard*  
LARNED, KAN.

Chleo and Ralph Jarvis – December 1919

## A diamond necklace

Recall an earlier story about how Ralph met Chleo, and how he gave her a diamond necklace.

Chleo went to a Sunday School party with a friend, and the friends boyfriend had invited Ralph. Ralph ask to walk Chleo home, and the romance began. He soon gave her a diamond necklace, and she was the only girl in the Senior Class with a diamond.

*Story of Chleo's diamond necklace – Doris Gibson*



I think the necklace Chleo is wearing in the wedding photo is that diamond necklace. She's wearing the same necklace in some other photos.

## Will live with Chleo's mother

*"Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis will make their home with the bride's mother in Larned."*

Chleo and Ralph moved in with Anna Webb in the Rock House. There may have been one of Anna's nieces living with her while going to high school in Larned, but otherwise only Anna lived there. So there was plenty of room.

## Ralph was working out of town

After returning from military duty, Ralph went to work as a lineman for the Pawnee Power and Water Company. The company was stringing transmission lines to dozens of small towns in western Kansas. So Ralph was away from Larned during the work week.

Ralph soon rose to foreman, so he was responsible for several of the line crews. He was constantly traveling to the jobs.

A. H. Elmore was here from Rozel Saturday and drove home a new Michell car.

Ralph Jarvis came Saturday from Alden to spend the week end here with his wife.

Charles Grimsley went to Wichita last Saturday to spend the week end with relatives.

Larned Chronoscope – January 8, 1920

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

Ralph Jarvis of Abilene came Saturday to visit home folks.

Allan Burnell of Kinsley was visiting Joe Snow Sunday.

The Tiller and Toiler – April 20, 1920

We have the sheet music you want.  
Rhoades-Roach Music company.

Royce Brooks left Monday for La Junta, Colo., on a business trip.

Ralph Jarvis returned Tuesday from a business trip to Jetmore.

John Edwards left Tuesday on a business trip to Wichita and Anthony.

Mrs. Fred Winchester, of Burdett,

The Tiller and Toiler – May 13, 1920

## Life in Larned

Ralph came home to Larned on weekends. He and Chleo enjoyed social life when they could.

During the week, Chleo and Anna were working at the Ideal Steam Laundry.

There were lots of Chleo's relatives nearby for visiting. Whether crocheting, sewing, or playing football, life was back to normal in small-town Larned.



Ben's girlfriend, Ralph Jarvis, Ben Sooby, Chleo Webb – c 1919

meeting between Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Will Brannon of this city in twenty-two years. The ladies are cousins.

The New Royal crochet club, which has just been formed, had its first meeting with Mrs. Maude Dorst last Thursday and will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Anna Webb.

The Filet club met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. W. A. Thompson and spent the evening. The event was in the form of a surprise,

*The Tiller and Toiler* – August 21, 1920

Mrs. L. C. Winkler has issued invitations to a dinner party for Friday evening.

The Royal Sewing club will meet with Mrs. Bryan Avery Thursday evening. They met with Mrs. Ralph Jarvis last Thursday and all reported an enjoyable time in spite of the rain.

Mrs. Ed Doerr entertained the young ladies of the Circle division of

*The Tiller and Toiler* – October 28, 1920

## LARNED CHRONOSCOPE

WOLCOTT & CHRISTY.

Harry H. Wolcott. Lynn M. Christy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1920

### AMERICAN LEGION NOTES .

#### Larned Legion Football Game.

At last, after a period of fifteen years, Larned is now enabled to take pleasure and pride in a real football team. The Walter S. Chears Post of Larned has demonstrated that clean amateur football can be a source of pleasure and profit. The local post is indebted to the Larned Business Men's Association for their financial cooperation in making the team possible through a donation of the football equipment.

The first game of the season was played at Cimarron and resulted in a loss to Larned by a score of 14 to 0. That game was played under considerable difficulty, as it was hard to get a team in shape for such a strenuous game on such short notice. The second game, played at Larned two weeks ago, was with Hoisington, and Larned demonstrated the effects of intensive training by capturing the contest by the top heavy score of 30 to 0.

The Larned team line-up for the game was as follows:

Center, Fred Evans.  
Right guard, Boyd Eiffert.  
~~Left guard, "Blackie" Jarvis.~~  
~~Right tackle, Jake Coleson.~~  
Left tackle, "Arsenic" Williamson.  
Right end, Chet Webb.  
Left end, Bill Kenoyer.  
Right half, Jim Miller.  
Left half, Don Hare.  
Full back, Wylie Compton.  
Quarter back, Glen Augustus.  
Substitutes—Left guard, "Alabama" Taylor; right half, Jack Kennedy.

*Larned Chronoscope – October 28, 1920*

## A peek ahead

Ralph and Chleo would soon add children to their family. Ralph would get swept up in the fortunes and misfortunes of the Pawnee Power and Water Company. And they would soon move away from Larned.

## Timeline 1910s

Year	Event
1910	Anna Burton Jarvis Mounts (2G) had surprise 40th birthday party
1910	Ralph Jarvis loses finger in ice cream freezer, nicknamed Nine Finger Blackie
1910	Joseph Jarvis (3G) moved to Cincinnati to live with his daughter
1910	Milton T Jarvis dies at 74, son of Harvey and Sarah Jarvis (4G)
1910	Lafayette H Jarvis dies at 76, son of Harvey and Sarah Jarvis
1911	Elmer E Jarvis, son of Newton and Anna (2G), died in Illinois, age 20
1911	Supreme Court breaks up Standard Oil Company
1911	First Indianapolis 500 race is run
1912	Anna Burton's husband Harrison Mounts dies in Greensburg at age 42
1912	New Mexico is admitted as the 47th state
1912	Arizona is admitted as the 48th state
1912	Girl Scouts started by Juliette Gordon Low
1913	17th Amendment, direct election of US senators not by state legislatures
1913	Joseph R Jarvis (3G) died May 14 at Cincinnati, age 82, buried in Rising Sun IN
1913	16th Amendment establishes an income tax
1914	Fire steamer 39 crashes in Cincinnati, killing horses Bull and Roxie
1914	WWI begins when Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia
1914	Panama Canal opens to shipping
1914	Mother's Day is a national holiday, promoted by Alice Jarvis (not related)
1915	First long distance telephone between New York and San Francisco
1916	Ralph H Jarvis (1G) has relapse of mumps, living at YMCA in Salina Kansas
1916	Jeannette Rankin of Montana is 1st woman elected US Congress
1917	Ralph Jarvis on National Guard roster in Larned, Kansas
1917	US declares war on Germany and Austria-Hungary to enter WWI
1917	First airmail service begins between New York and Washington
1918	Ralph Jarvis, Jim Webb, and others serve with 137th Infantry in France
1918	Armistice is signed ending WWI
1918	Worldwide influenza epidemic strikes. By 1920, 20 million die, 500,000 in US
1918	Daylight saving time is first adopted
1919	Ralph Jarvis and Chleo Webb (1G) marry on December 16 in Larned Kansas
1919	18th Amendment prohibits liquor, repealed by 21st Amendment in 1933
1919	19th Amendment grants women the right to vote
1920	Anna Burton Jarvis Mounts (2G) married Samuel Stafford in Marion Indiana
1920	First radio broadcasts by KDKA Pittsburgh and WWJ Detroit

# A Look Back

We began this series of stories after the Civil War in 1865. We're ending the series at the end of World War I in 1920. What a dramatic change in people's lifestyles over these 55 years.

Let's review...



Reconstruction after Civil War – 1865



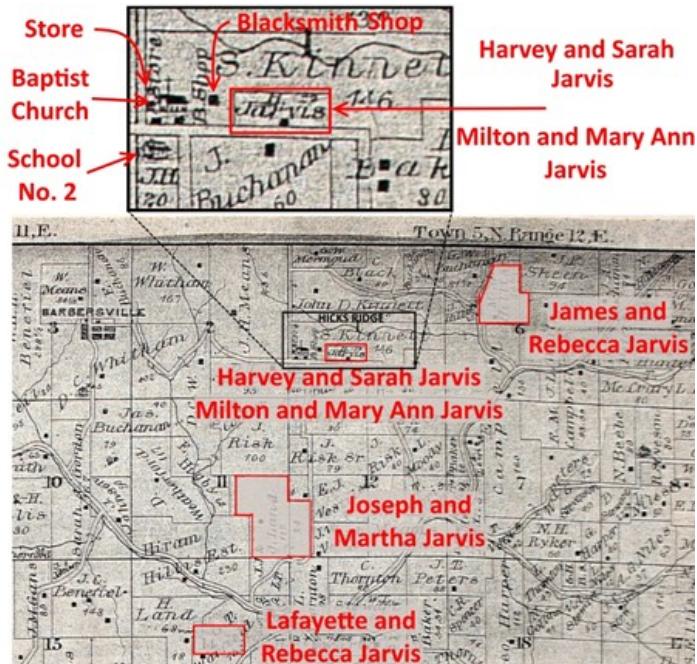
Armistice – World War I – 1918

## Harvey Jarvis and Sarah Robinson (4G)

Harvey and Sarah Jarvis lived long lives. By the end of the Civil War, they were living in the times of railroads, steamboats, and telegraph systems. Their sons, James, William, Joseph, Lafayette, and Milton lived nearby and raised their families.

Harvey Jarvis and Sarah Robinson had been born in the Kentucky backwoods in 1803. Their families made their clothing, their houses, and their food.

Harvey and Sarah moved to southern Indiana in the 1820s, following the calling of cheap and plentiful farmland. Harvey also found work as a mason, a long-lived family trade.

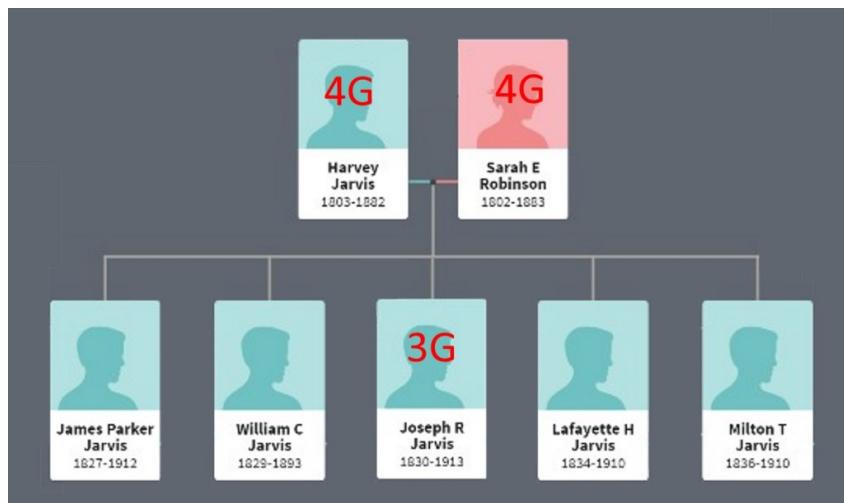


Harvey and Sarah Jarvis and their sons' families – 1860s-1870s

## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

Harvey and Sarah lived in Jefferson and Ripley Counties, the epicenter of Jarvis family life for three generations.

They died within a year of each other, in 1882 and 1883.



*Harvey Jarvis and Sarah Robinson*

## Joseph Jarvis and Martha Buchanan (3G)

Joseph and Martha Jarvis were living in Jefferson County, Indiana at the end of the Civil War. Joseph had been a member of the Indiana Militia during the war and had served as a guard at Camp Morton, a prisoner of war camp.

Joseph was the third son of Harvey and Sarah Jarvis, born in 1830 in Ripley County, Indiana.

Martha Buchanan Jarvis was born and raised in one of the earliest settler families in southern Indiana. She married Joseph in 1852.

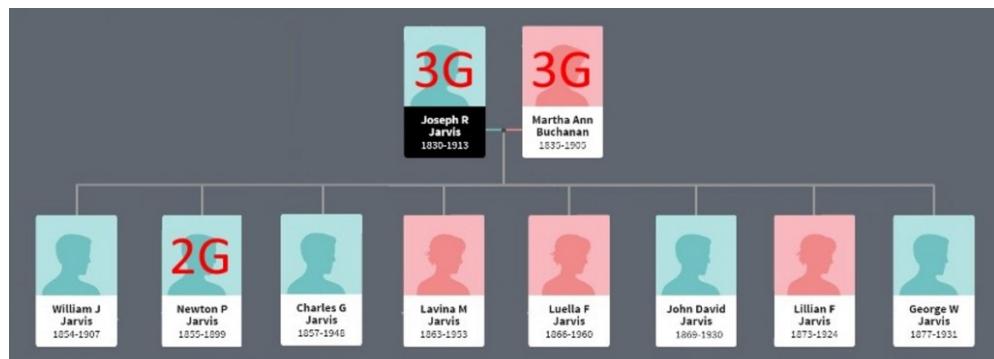
Joseph and Martha had moved around, trying both farming and mason work. After the war, the economy of southern Indiana suffered. They moved to Ohio County, and finally to Rising Sun, Indiana. In Rising Sun, Joseph worked as a mason.



*West Walnut Street – Rising Sun, Indiana*

## Family Nibbles

Martha died in 1905 in Rising Sun at age 69. After her death, Joseph moved to Cincinnati to live near his daughters Luella and Lavinia. He lived until 1913, age 82.



*Joseph Jarvis and Martha Buchanan*

## Newton Jarvis (2G) and Sarah Beaty

At the end of the Civil War, Newton Jarvis was age 10. He was living with his parents Joseph and Martha in Jefferson County, Indiana. He'd been born in 1855, the second of eight children.

By the mid-1870s, Newton moved east with his family to Ohio and Switzerland Counties. In 1879, Newton married Sarah Beaty. Sarah was born in 1858 in Jefferson County, the sixth of ten children. Her parents Elijah and Sarah moved around southern Indiana and ended up in Switzerland County, near where Newton was living.



Newton and Sarah had two daughters, Arminta in 1879 and Myrtle in 1884.

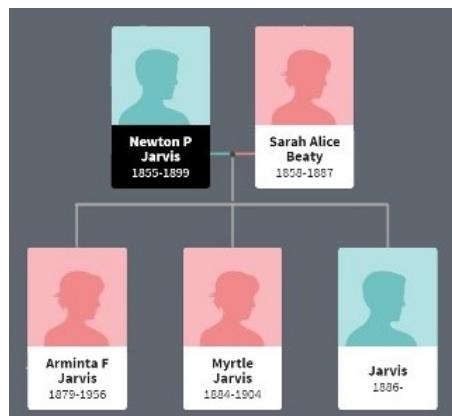
## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920



In spring 1887, Sarah was overcome with consumption (tuberculosis). She died on June 2. Newton was a single parent with two young daughters.



*Widower with two daughters*



*Newton Jarvis and Sarah Beatty*

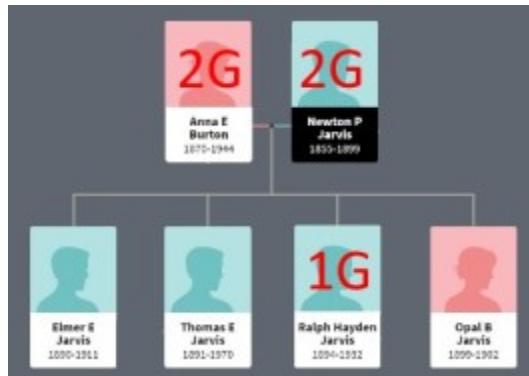
## Newton Jarvis and Anna Burton (2G)

In 1889, Newton married Anna Burton. Anna was age 19. She was 14 years younger than Newton, who was 33.

Over the next ten years, they had four children.

	<b>Elmer E. Jarvis</b>
	1890-1911
	<b>Thomas Edwin Jarvis</b>
	1891-1970
	<b>Ralph Hayden Jarvis</b>
	1894-1932
	<b>Opal B. Jarvis</b>
	1899-1902

## Family Nibbles



*Newton Jarvis and Anna Burton*

Newton caught pneumonia from his son Ralph. He died at 5 am on Tuesday, April 4, 1899. Now Anna was left a single parent with four children. She chose to move into her mother's household in Greensburg, Indiana.

Anna's parents were George and Eliza Burton (3G). They had lived in Rising Sun. That's where Anna met Newton. They later moved to Greensburg. George died in 1897 at age 62. Eliza Burton was still living in 1920 at the end of this series of stories.

In 1901, Anna married Harrison Mounts. Between 1901 and 1908, they had three sons – Lillard, Alva, and Robert. Harrison died in 1911, and Anna was once again a single parent with children.



*Anna Burton Jarvis Mounts  
(2G) – c 1918*



*Eliza Burton (3G) – c 1915*

## Ralph Jarvis (1G)

Ralph Hayden Jarvis was born August 16, 1894 in Sugar Branch, Switzerland County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child of Newton and Anna Jarvis.

Ralph, his two brothers Elmer and Tom, and his three step-brothers grew up in Greensburg. His sister Opal had died at age 3 in 1902.



*Ralph Jarvis – age 3 – c 1897*



*Ralph grew up at 1201 N. Broadway, Greensburg, Indiana*

## Chleo Webb (1G)

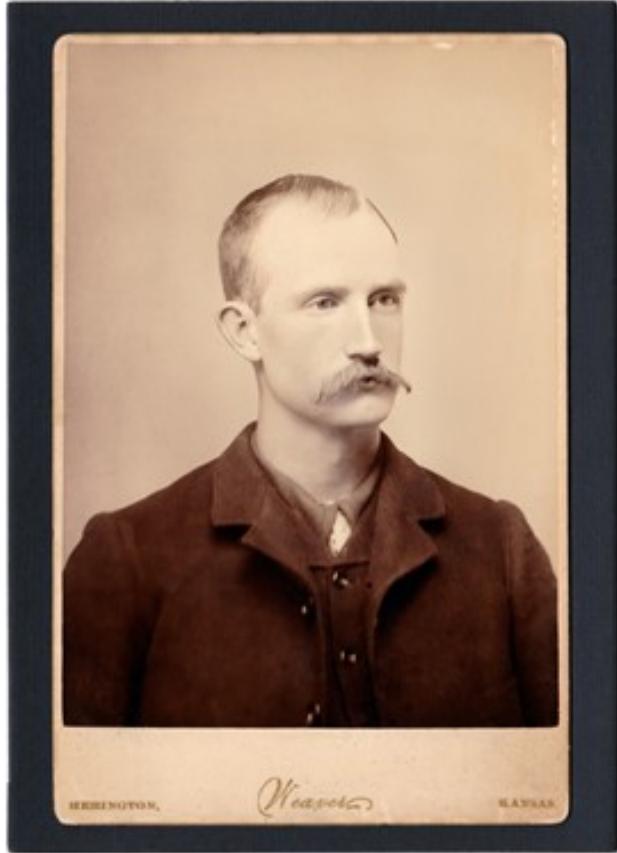
Chleo Webb was born August 21, 1900 on a farm south of Larned, Kansas.

We met her parents John Webb and Anna Buhrer (2G). John's family was from Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. Anna's family came to Larned from Fulton County, Ohio.

John and Anna met in Abilene, Kansas. They married and started a family while John worked on a ranch south of Solomon, Kansas. In 1898, they moved to Larned to be near Anna's extended family.



Chleo Webb – age 7 – c 1907



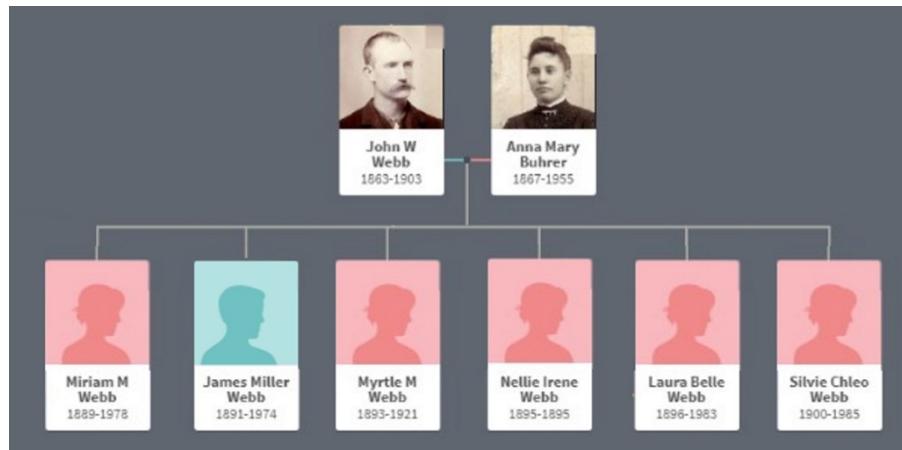
John Wesley Webb – c 1887



Anna Mary Buhrer – c 1888

## Stories of Our Jarvis Ancestors 1865-1920

In 1903, John Webb died of tuberculosis. Anna became a single parent with five children. She moved from the farm into the Rock House in Larned.



*John Webb and Anna Buhrer*

Chleo grew up in the Rock House.



*The Rock House – 219 Kansas Street – Larned, Kansas – c 1908*

## Ralph Jarvis and Chleo Webb (1G)



Chleo Webb and Ralph Jarvis - c 1917

At age 22, Ralph was working as a lineman in Larned in 1916. He met Chleo, 16, while working on a utility pole next to the Rock House.

Over the next three years, Ralph and Chleo built a relationship. World War I interrupted their lives for two years. In December 1919 they married.

and living in the Rock House with Anna Webb. Ralph is working as a lineman for Pawnee Power and Water Company.

Now, in 1920, Ralph and Chleo are married

## A peek into the future

Our next series of family stories will pick up in 1920.

Ralph and Chleo will have children. Melvin, the eldest, will be born in 1921. He's our grandfather.

Ralph will play an important role in the development of the power company as he follows its entrepreneurial founder, Nathan Jones. But the company will have failures as well as successes.

We'll see what happens to Eliza Burton, Ralph's grandmother. Ralph's mother Anna Burton Jarvis Mounts will marry once again and move to Kansas. Ralph's brother Tom and step-brother Robert show up in Kansas.

Chleo's mother Anna Webb will come to live with Chleo.

And another family will leave a single parent to raise the children.

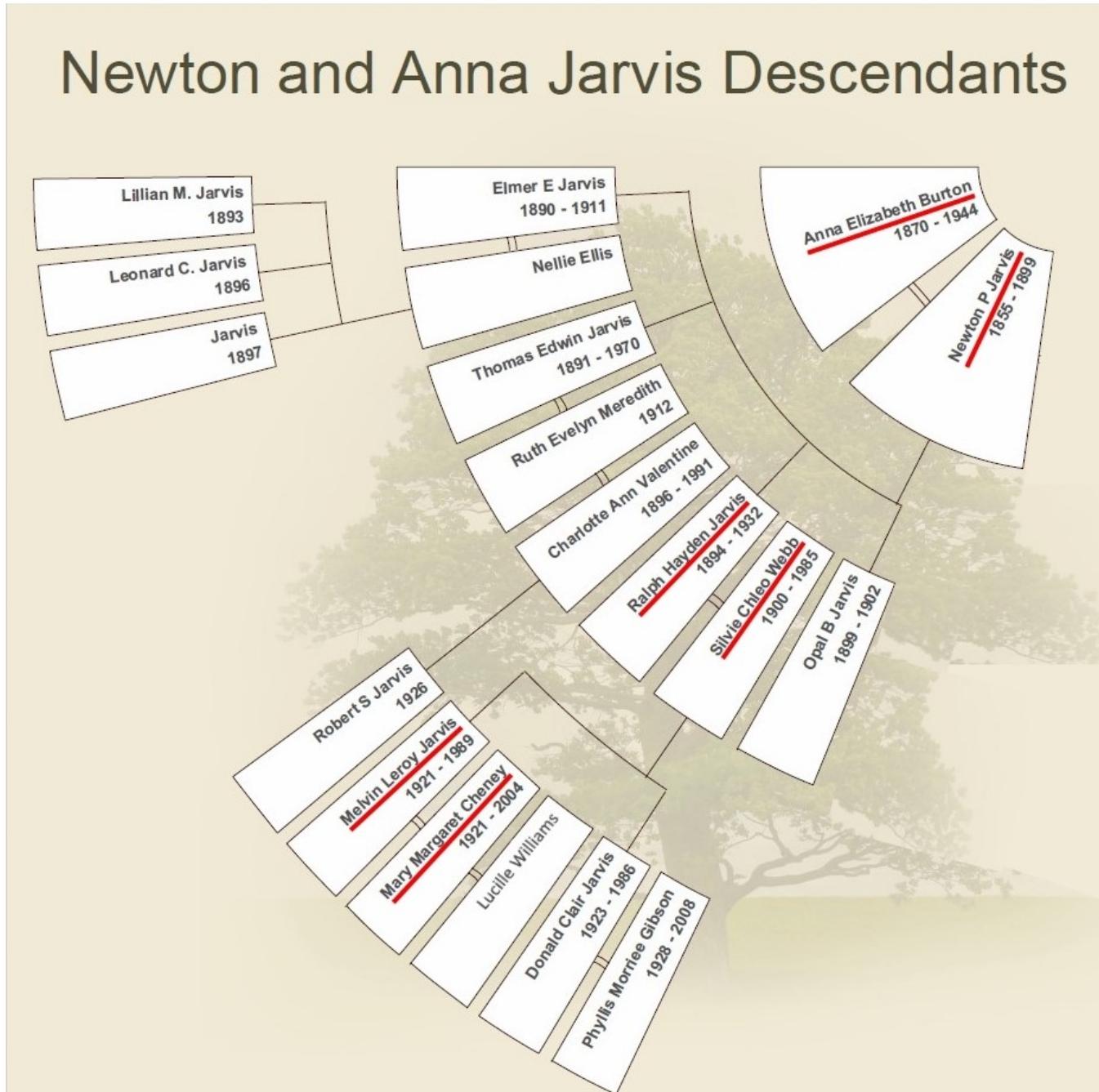
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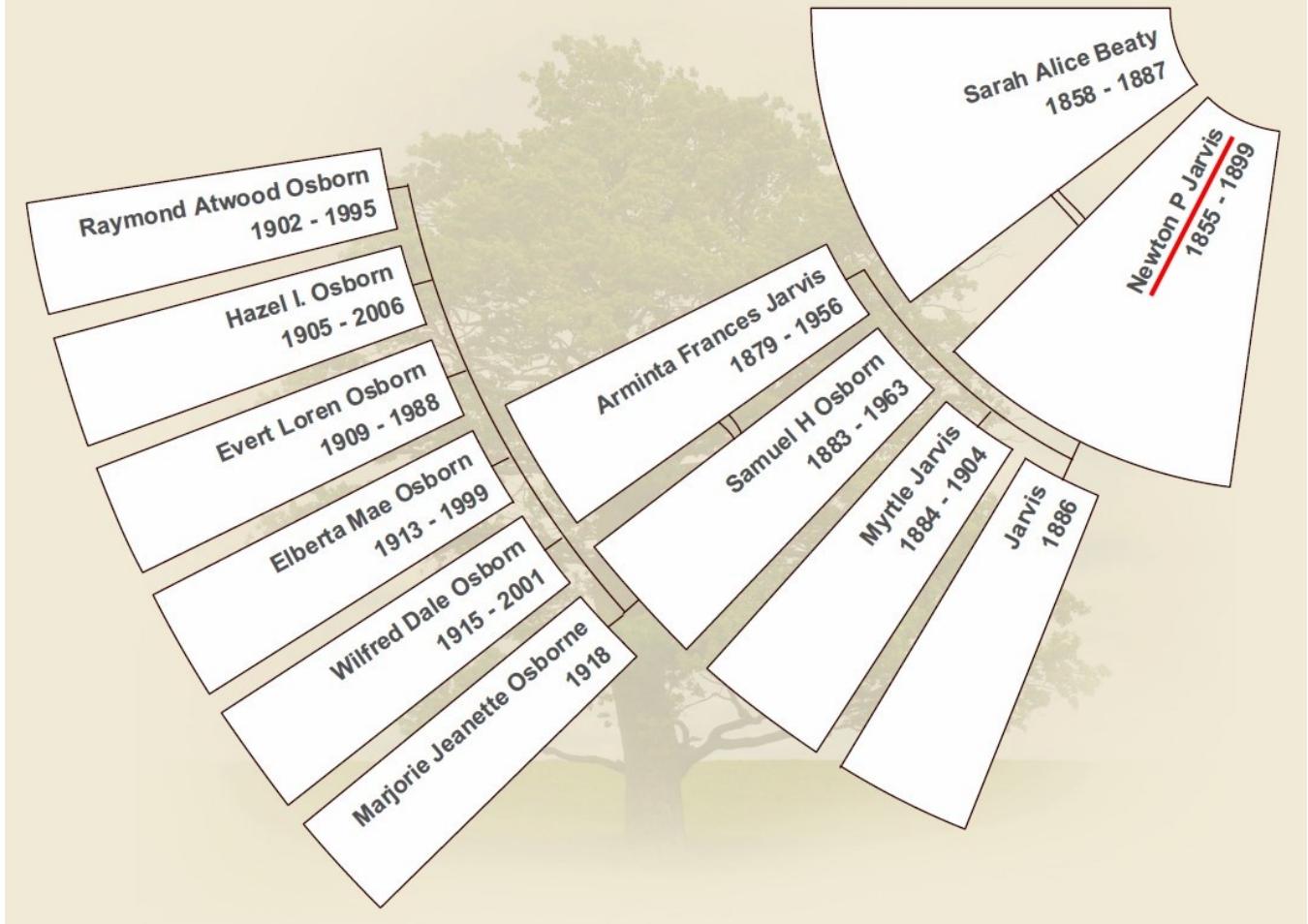
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# Appendix A – Generation Fan Charts

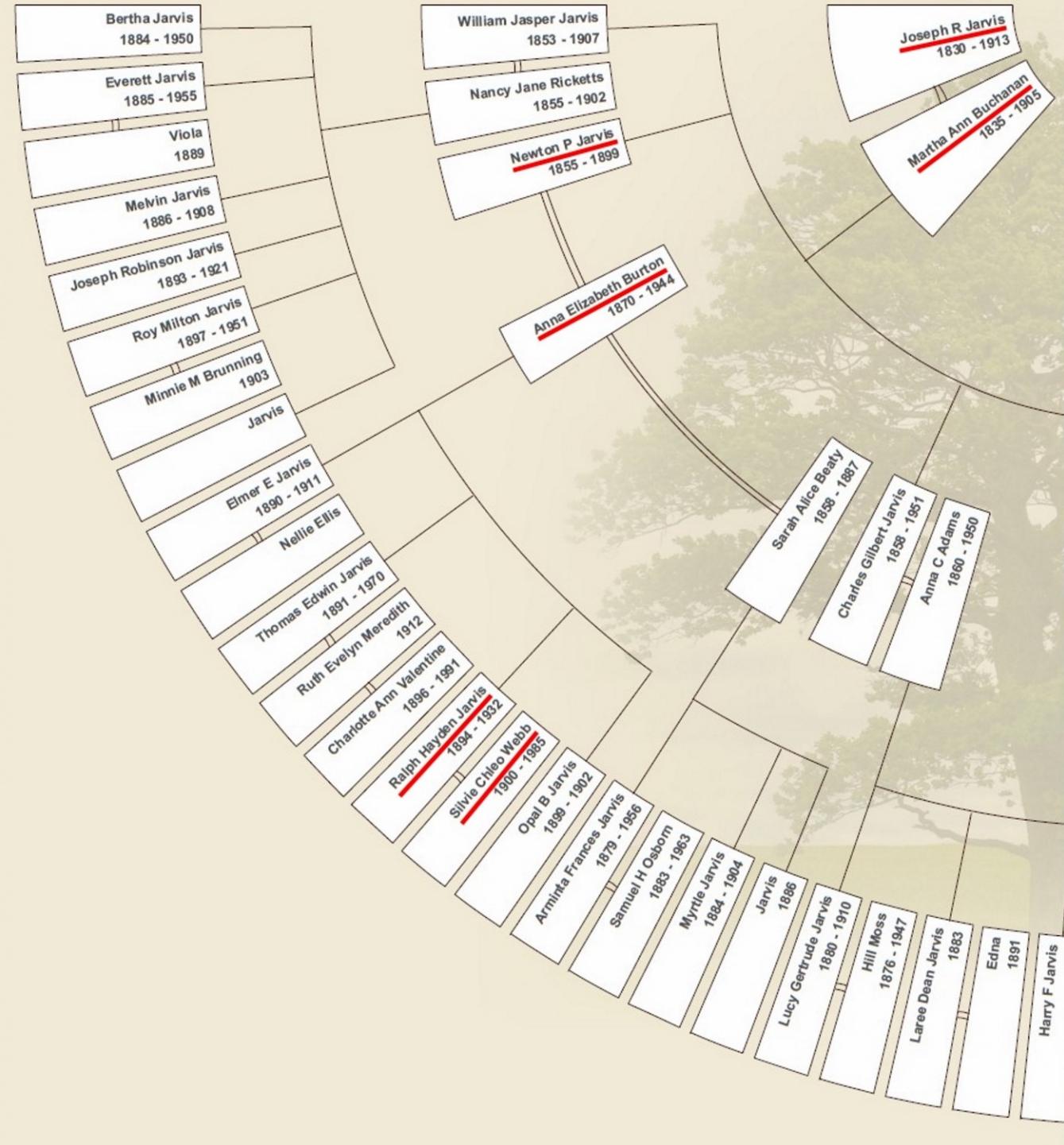
Most of the stories show only our direct line of Jarvis and one line of marriage surnames. Thus, we haven't seen their siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. The Generation Fan Charts show us some of those other close relatives and spouses.

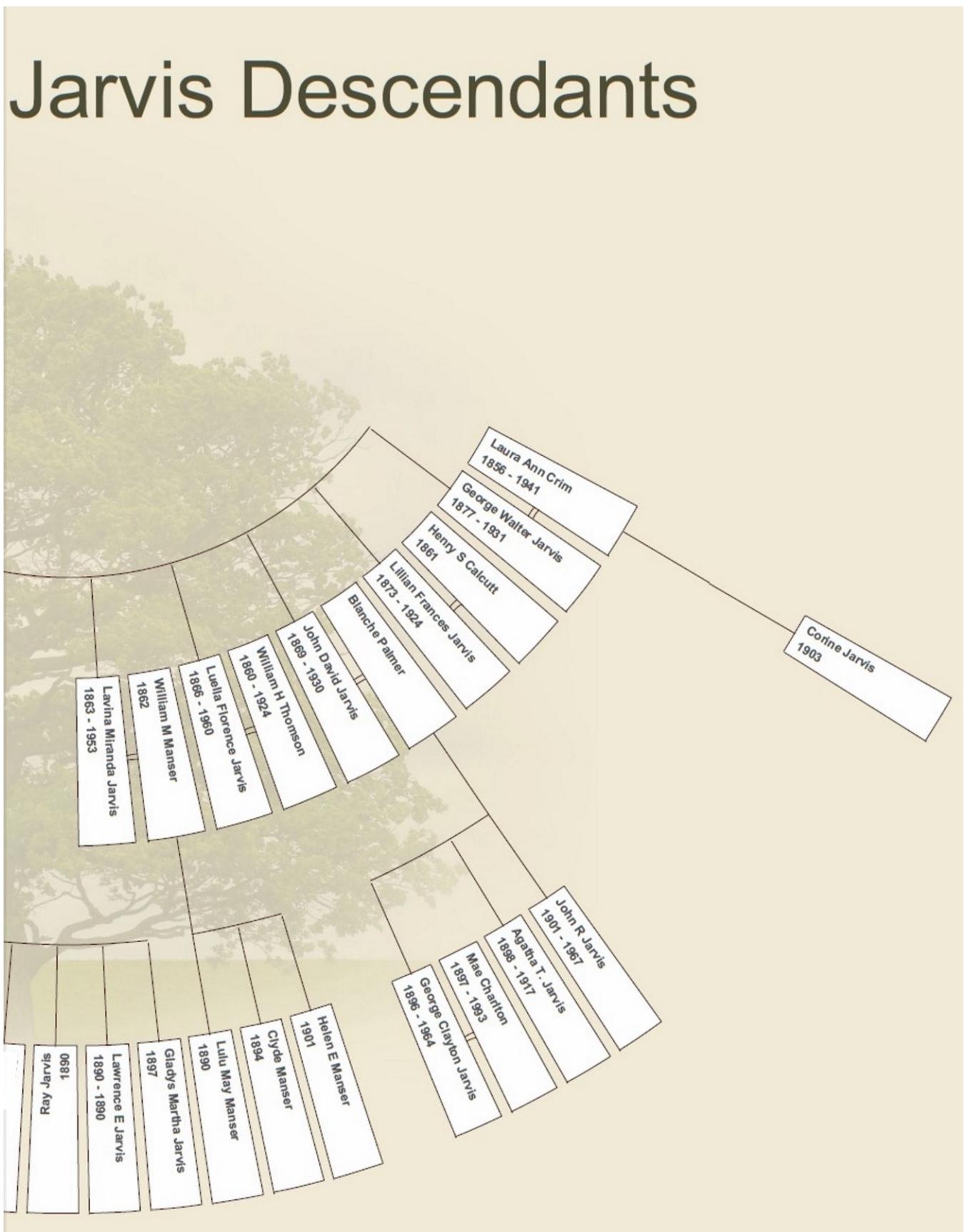


## Newton and Sarah Jarvis Descendents

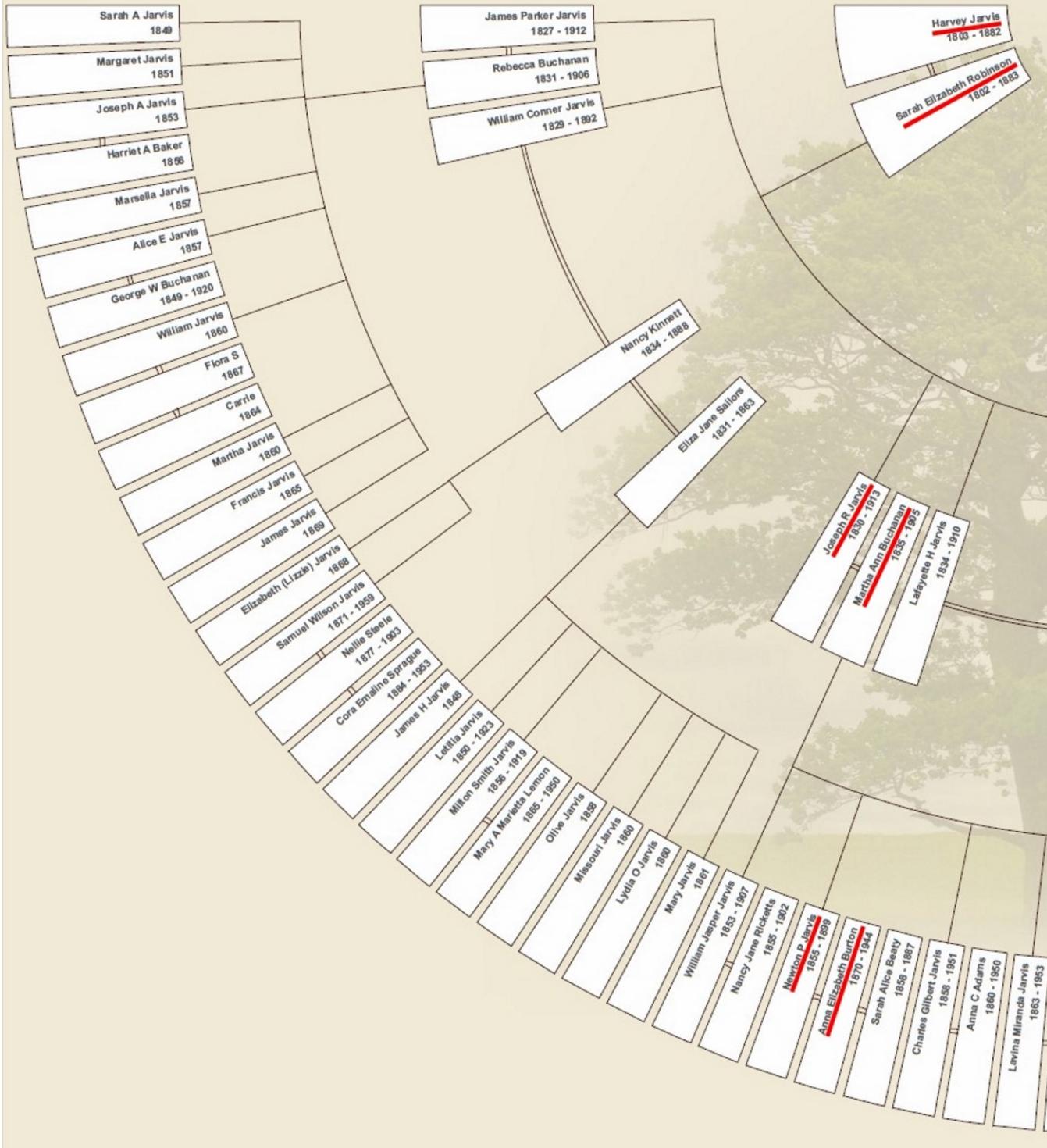


# Joseph and Martha

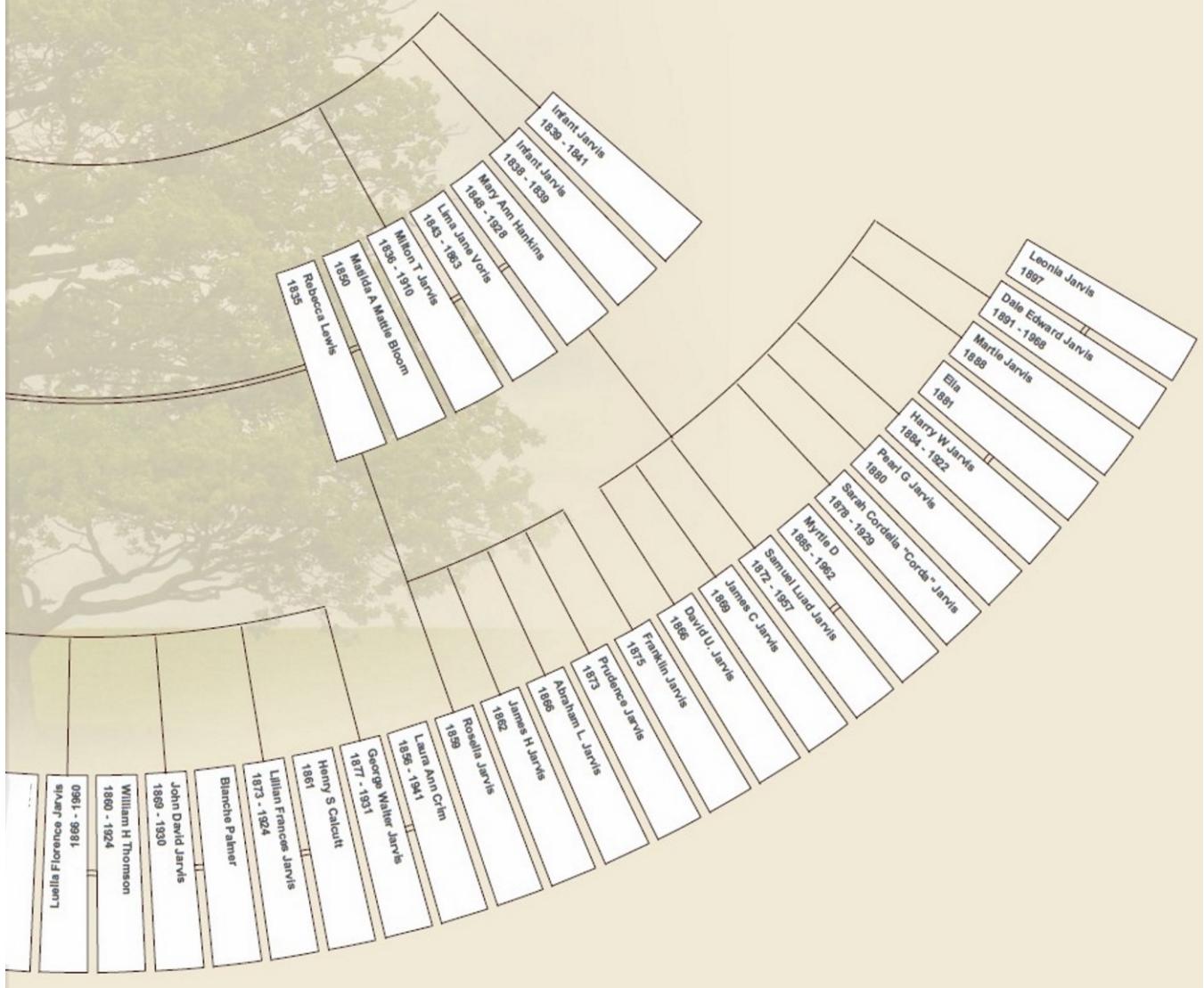


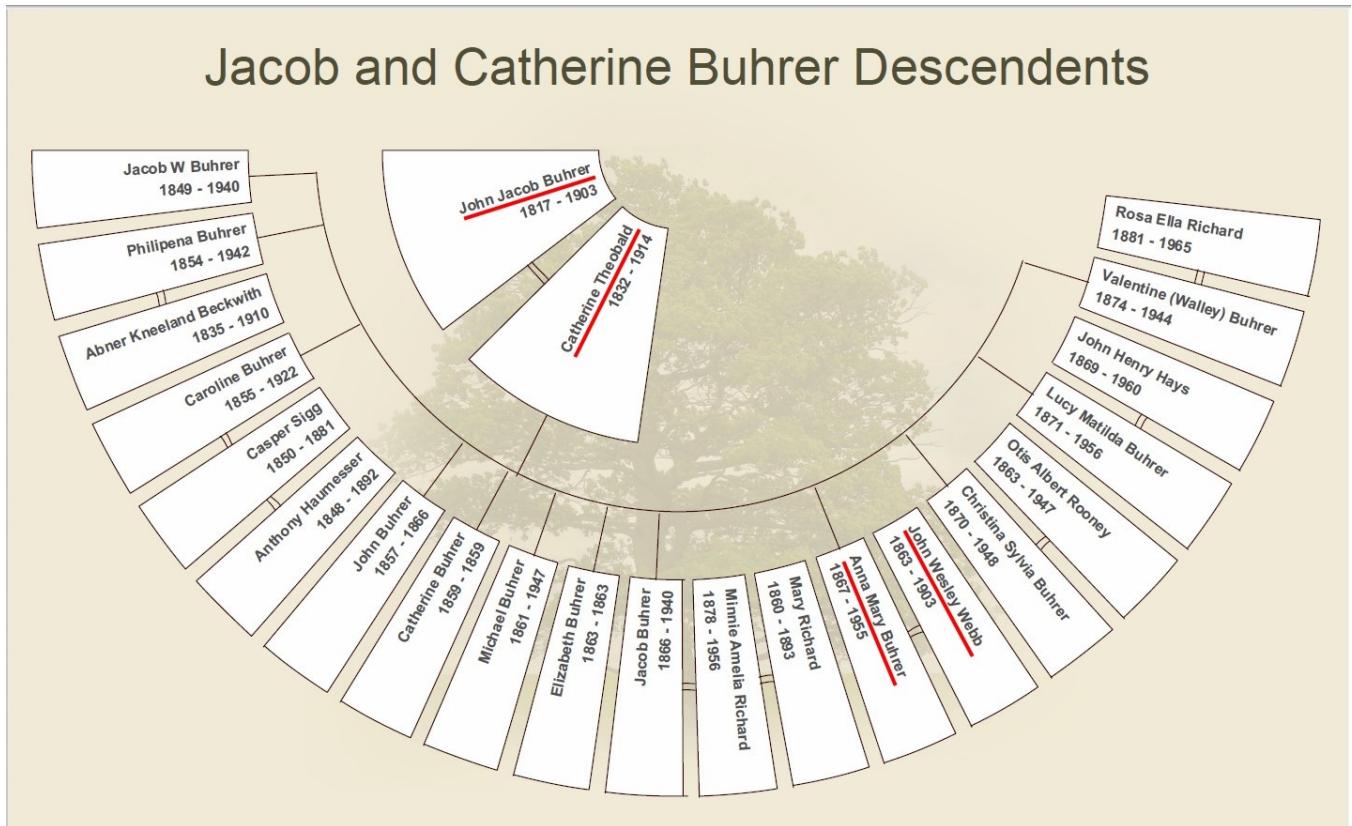


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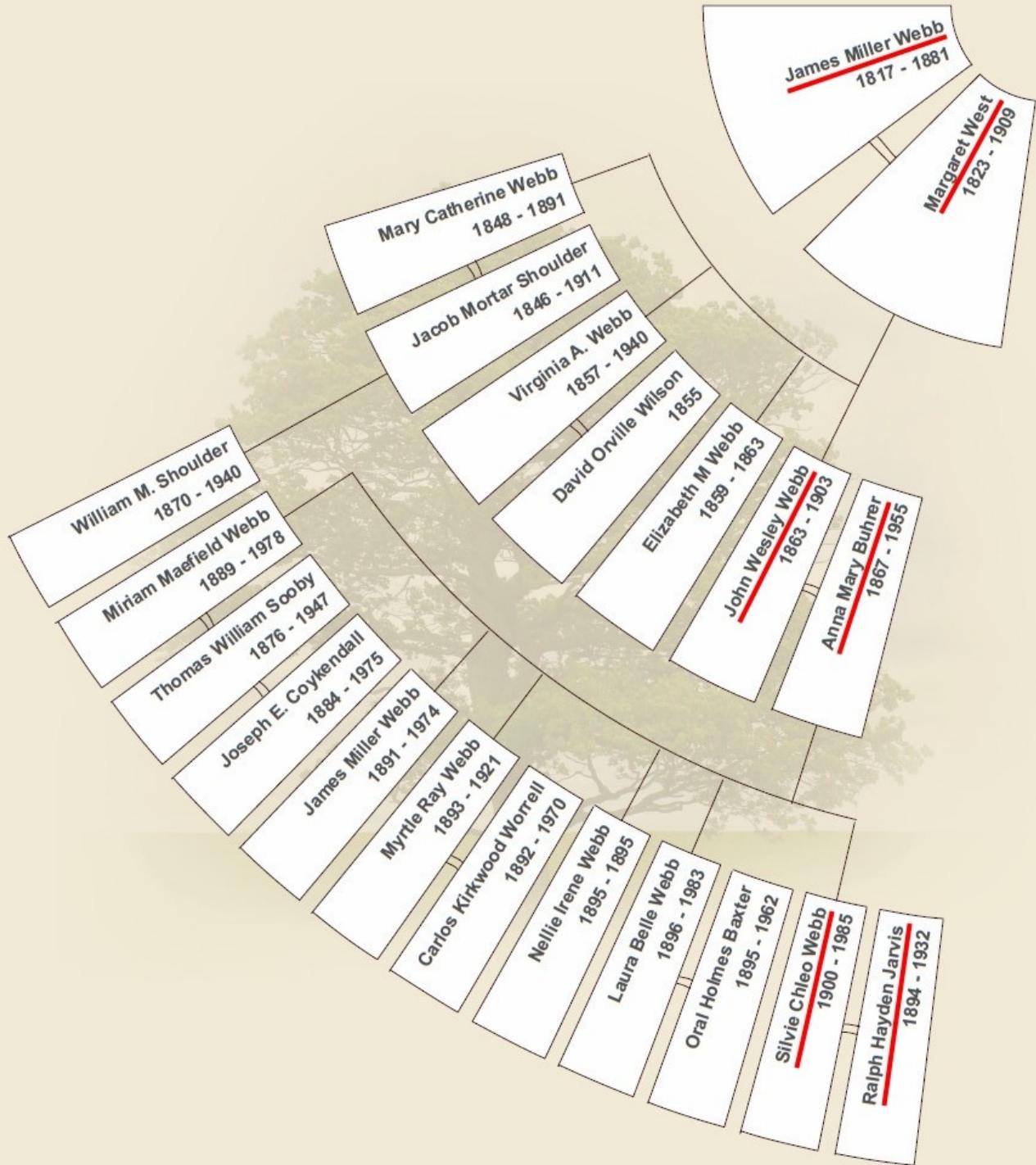


# Jarvis Descendants

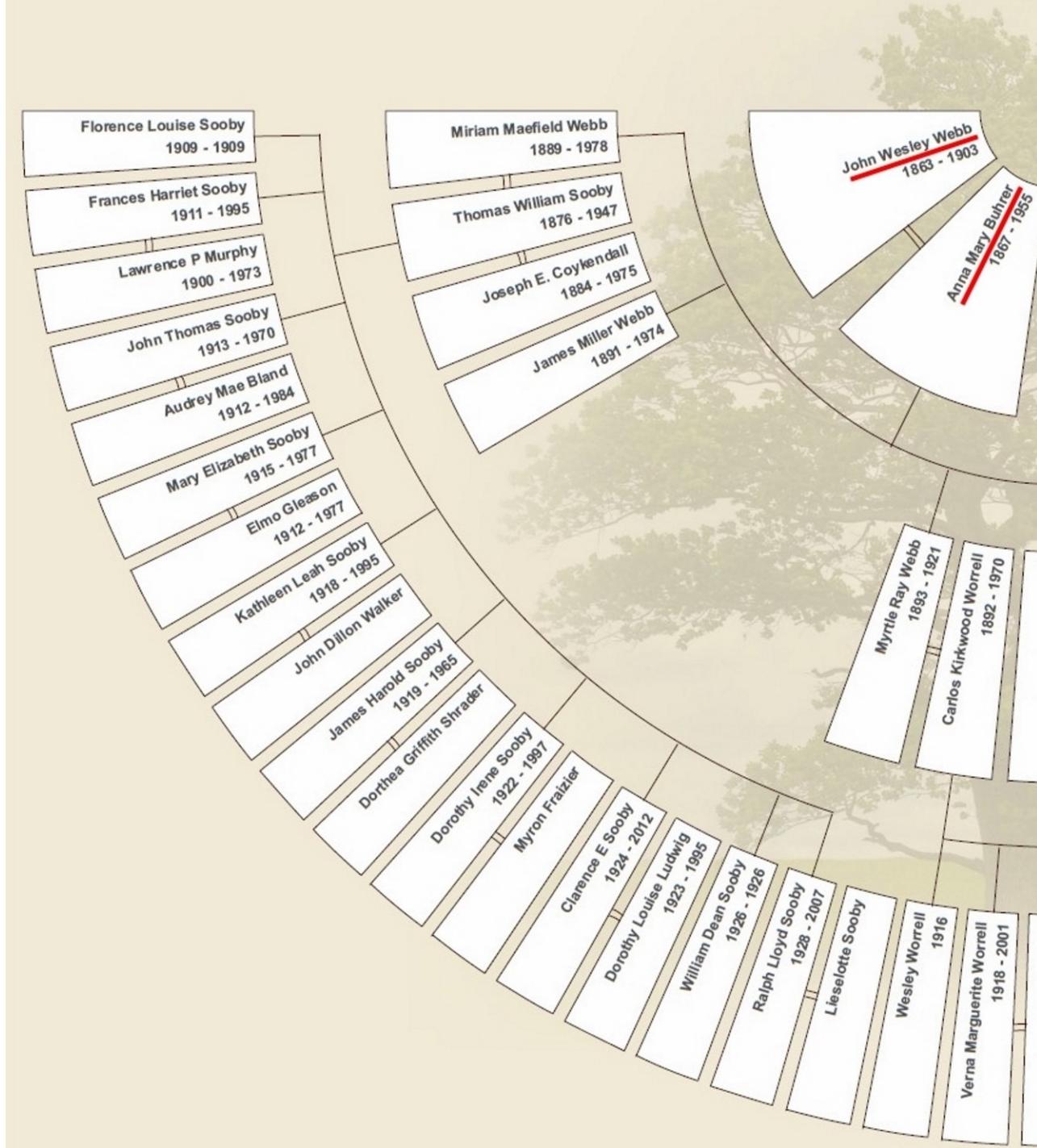




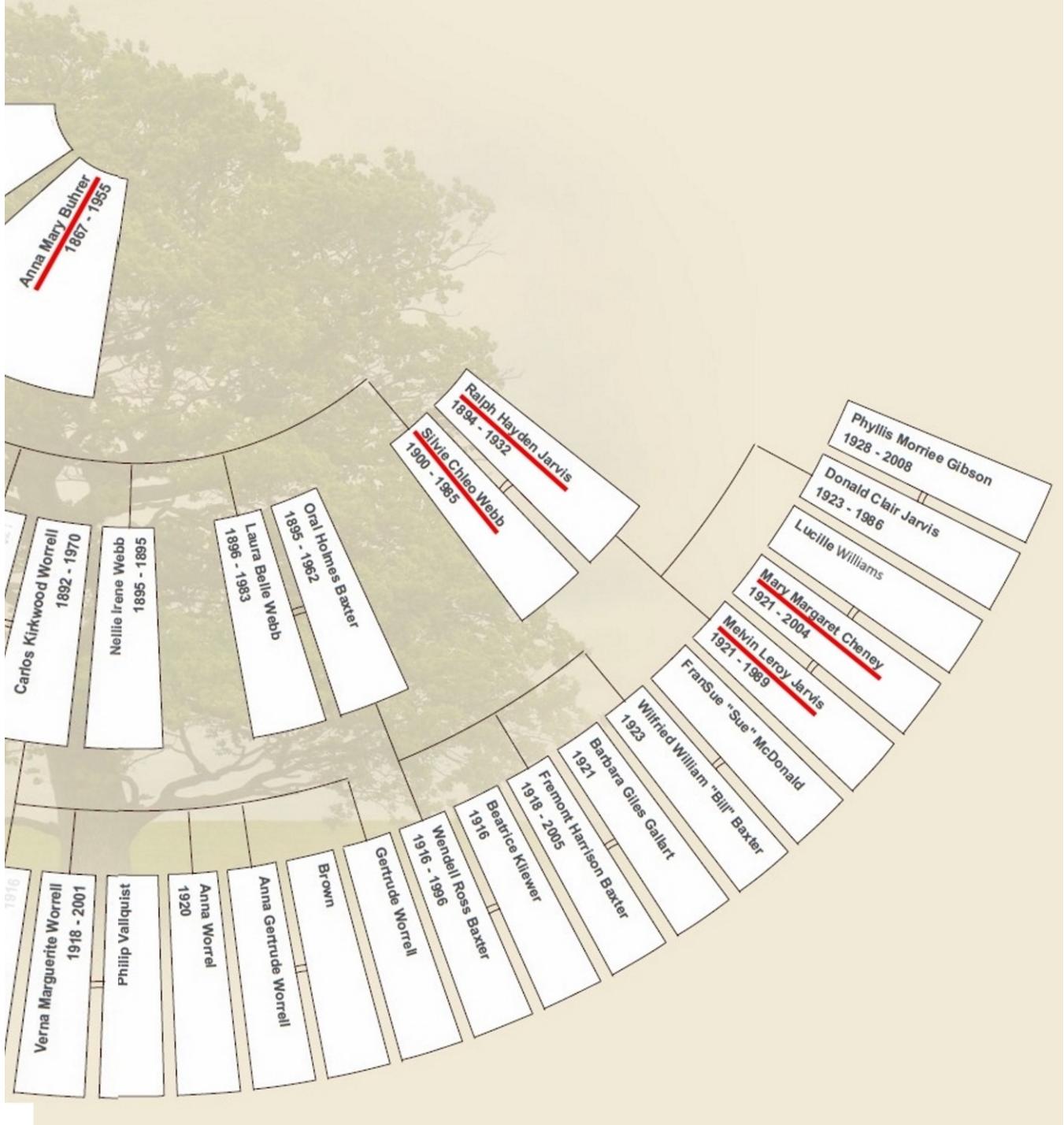
# James and Margaret Webb



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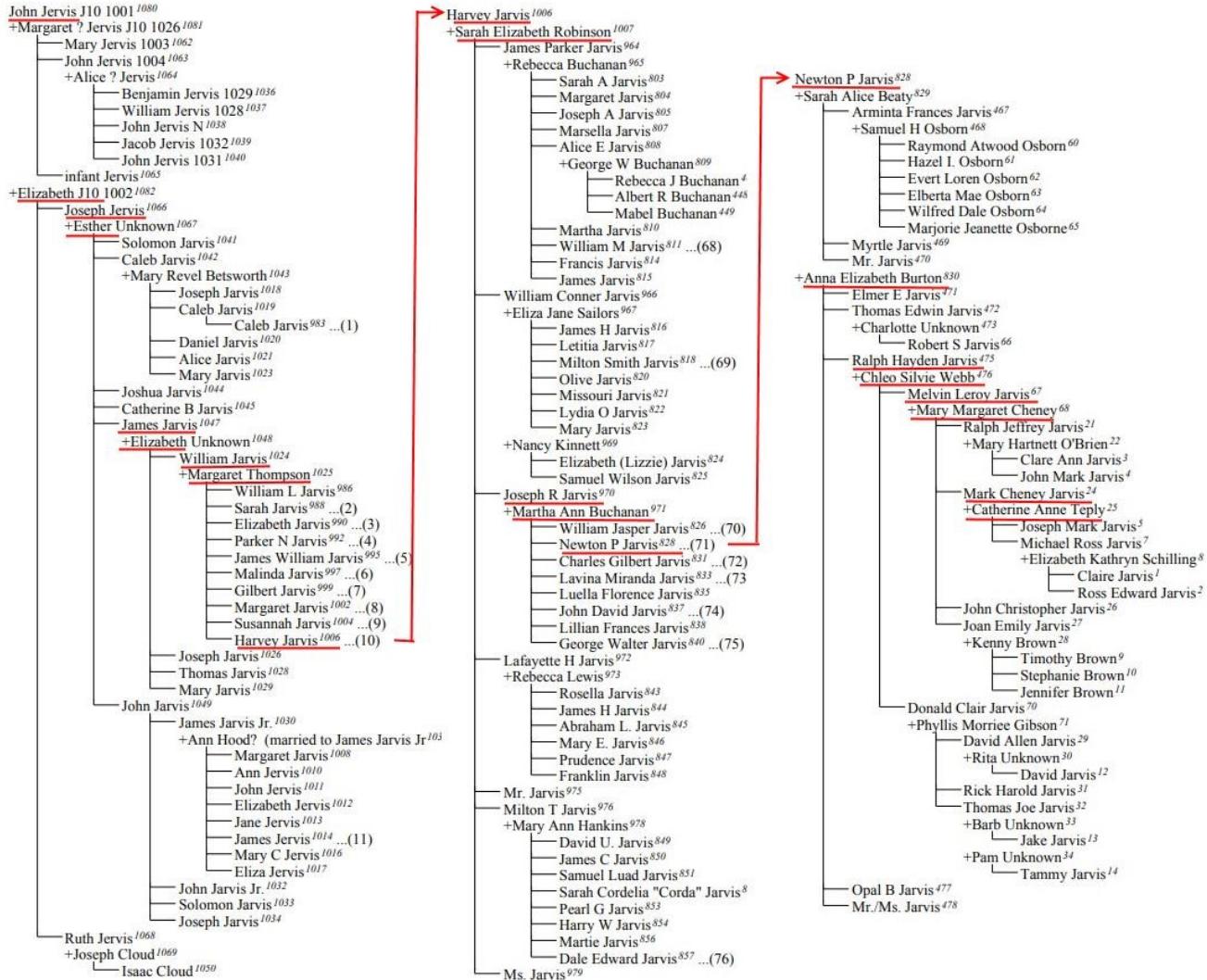
# Anna Webb



# Appendix B – Family Tree Diagram

A Family Tree Diagram is a good way to see relationships in a compact format.

## Mark Jarvis Family Tree



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## Long Term Care, Move to Ripley

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We have a trove of family information and stuff. And we'd like to share it.

You can also find these stories on [familynibbles.com](http://familynibbles.com).



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